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Ivry panel cautions four officers

The Ivry Commission investigating the February 4 helicopter collision, in which 73 soldiers and officers were killed, has sent out letters of caution to three IAF officers and an officer in the Northern Command. The move paves the way for recommendations to be made against them.

The wording of the invitation to the four to study the investigation "out of the possibility their good names may be harmed" is a military euphemism for cautioning them that their testimony could be used against them. The four have hired lawyers, who are reportedly seeking a delay in the commission's discussions in order to prepare a possible defense.

The four officers named are Brig.-Gen. G, the commander of Tel Nof Air Base, where the CH-53 helicopter squadrons are based. Yasur squadron commander Lt.-Col. E, his deputy. Maj. Y, and Maj. A, operations officer for the Galilee Panhandle brigade.

According to the commission's interim report, Maj. Y briefed the pilots of the fatal flight to fly in formation, but did not appoint a formation leader. Maj. A. was cited with faults in making sure the soldiers who boarded the helicopters were properly logged. The commission stressed that the cautions in no way signify direct responsibility for the collision.

According to Channel 1 television, the four officers are allowed to examine all files in the investigation and question any witness. The four have be invited to commission hearings in another six

The commission of inquiry, headed by former air force chief David Ivry, was originally given 45 days to present its final findings and had been expected to do so within the next two weeks. But the letters of caution open the door to further delay.

COMMENT

She'ar Yashuv , helicopter crash: A month later

By HERB KEINON

The regularly scheduled televisiou programming on the night of February 4 was interrupted by a news flash that always signals disaster: two helicopters crashed over She'ar Yashuv. The dimensions of the tragedy, 73 dead, shocked the nation, left us stunned in our tracks. Our regularly scheduled lives were interrupted, put on hold.

A national day of mourning followed, and with it the broadcasting of the eudless list of names. Then came the gut-wrenching stories of the lives lost, and then came the funerals. The nation stood as one - unified in pain, together in grief.

For a day... maybe half a week. But it didn't take long for the unity that the tragedy engen-dered to be plowed under by the rock-slide that is the Bar-On Affair. It didn't take long for the unity to be drowned out by the noise surrounding Har Homa. How quickly everything returns

to normal. Today marks 30 days since the helicopter disaster. The 30-day, halachically prescribed mourning period - the shloshim - varies for each family, since this period is counted from the day of interment, not from the day of death.

The next few days will, for the families, be a time of trips to the cemeteries, of looking at pictures - if that is not too painful. It will be a time for the families to relive that awful night which, in their minds, will forever be the moment against which all else will be measured. There will be Before, and there will be After.

For the rest of us the helicopter disaster will be stored somewhere in our memory, as yet another of those awful tragedies that, with crucl regularity, plague the land. It will be stored - perhaps near the top of the list, due to its magnitude - with the bus bombings, the roadside bombs in Lebanon, the victims



of other IDF accidents. When we think of it we will be beset by sadness - so we will try not to think about it.

This nation's resiliency, its uncanny ability to bounce back. is both a strength and - to a certain extent - a weakness. A strength, because only incredible resiliency could enable the survival of a nation so well acquainted with tragedy. A weakness, because only in times of tragedy do we remember what

unites, what is important. It is not uncommon to use man as a metaphor for the nation. A death in the family always puts things into perspective, into proper proportion. For a family generally takes a while for the magnitude of the loss to diminish, for life to return to normal. Thus does Judaism set aside a 30-day mourning period for an immediate relative, a 12-month

mourning period for a pareut. The nation, our nation, speeds things along. Not a year was needed to digest the loss of February 4, and to move on. Not even 30 days. To a ccrtain extent, not even a week. Everything quickly returned to

uormal. Is this necessary? I guess so, if we are to function as a normal country.

Is it heartless? To a certain

We have turned into a nation of parshiot - of episodes, affairs, and incidents. The thythm of our public life is marked by jumping from one parasha to the next from the Hebron redcployment, to the helicopter accident, to the Bar-On Affair. Events follow one another in such rapid snccession that we have no time to digest the significance and ramifications of one, before we are

hit hy another. The helicopter tragedy, when it struck, drowned out the Bar-On Affair for about a week. But then the Bar-On Affair bounced back. The same will not be true of the helicopter tragedy. It is gone. We spent our time on that particular parasha, and have moved on. We muttered the words, performed the gestures, and then moved on. We always

withdrawal today PM, Mubarak meet in

Cairo

CAIRO - The cabinet is to meet this afternoon in a special session to decide on the extent of the first further withdrawal from the territories since the Hebron pullout in January. According to the Hebron agreement, the IDF must make the first of three more redeployments in Judea and Samaria by tomorrow,

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Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to convene his inner cabinet this morning to prepare a

withdrawal proposal.

Netanyahu and Egyptian

President Hosni Mubarak concluded two hours of talks on the peace process yesterday by disagreeing the building of Jewish housing in

Both Mubarak and Netanyahn urged moving forward with peace talks, but they appeared tense and sometimes angry as questions arose at a news conference about Israel's plans for 6,500 housing units on Har Homa, in southern Jerusalem. Netanyahu denied the housing

project is prohibited by the Oslo Accords and said he confirmed this with the Israeli negotiators who helped frame the agreement. "Oslo is very clear," he said. "It doesn't deal at all with the question

that any actions regarding changing the status involve, as Oslo terms it, the West Bank and Gaza. It specifically excludes Jerusalem."

Mubarak, however, pointed out

reporters. of Jerusalem. In fact it makes clear

also has criticized the plan. At the news conference with Netanyahu, Mubarak was also asked about the case of alleged

Israeli spy Azzam Azzam. Mubarak

that Jerusalem's future is to be

negotiated in talks for a final peace

and argued that moving more Jews

that the agreement's Article 5 states said the matter is out of his hands now that it has entered the judicial

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meet in Cairo yesterday.

Netanyahu said on Tuesday that into east Jerusalem now would prej-Azzam, a 35-year-old chief mechanic who was working at an udice those negotiations. "My feeling is that it [the housing Israeli-owed factory in Egypt, is project] will lead to problems in the innocent and that the case would be future when they start on the final at the top of his agenda in talks with status of Jerusalem," he told Mubarak.

Asked if he would agree to Mubarak said he would further release the Israeli, Mubarak said: discuss the Har Homa issue next This case is before the court. We week in a meeting in Washington with President Bill Clinton, who have no authority to exclude it from the court until it comes to an end. Before that we are not authorized, even our constitution doesn't give

us the right to do anything or to release him." Mubarak again said that Israeli

publicity about Azzam's case had damaged his chances and he compared it to an earlier incident in which the Egyptian authorities discreetly set free two suspected Israeli

"With the last one [Azzam] there is definite proof according to the investigation done by the court. So that's why we could not release him," he said.

"The first two were released before going through the media. When the media declared about Azzam, we were in a position not to leave him and he should defend himself. If he is innocent, he is going to be released without any

problem," he added. Netanyahu stood to Mubarak's

side but did not comment on the espionage case throughout the news

Two of Azzam's supporters accompanied Netanyahu to Cairo to plead his case. They said they visited Azzam in prison yesterday and that he was being treated

Assad Assad, an adviser to Netanyahu and a former member of the Knesset, told reporters he discussed Azzam's case with Mubarak's senior political adviser

Osama Baz "I found Azzam in good shape. Egyptian prison authorities are treating him well. I have faith in the Egyptian justice and judiciary,"

Turbowicz says no to Bezeq

By JUDY SIEGEL

Attorney Yoram Turbowicz, prevented by a Justice Ministryappointed committee from becoming Bezeq's director-general on March 1, last night shocked Communications Minister Limor Livnat by saying she would have to find someone else for the job.

Livnat, who had nominated the former director of the Antimust Authority for the Bezeq post, was very distressed by Turbowicz's decision and tried to dissuade him, but with no success.

She will appear today at Bezeq's board of directors meeting, where officials are expected to speak angrily against the "cooling off" committee, chaired by Jerusalem District Court Judge Yehndit Tsur, which ruled that Turbowicz would have to wait a year before taking the job.

The board will name an acting director-general; Livnat's choice was not known last night. She told Turbowicz that his

declining of the Bezeq position was a "loss to the company and to the entire public service, which deserves and needs the best."

The 38-year-old lawyer faxed Livnat a letter saying he was disappointed about the committee's decision, but nevertheless "respected it." Livnat had intended to take the case, in an unprecedented action, to

the High Court or ask for a repeat hearing of the cooling-off committee. But Turbowicz does not want to

Swiss president proposes second 'humanitarian' fund

BERN - Swiss President Arnold Koller yesterday proposed creating a second "humanitarian" fund that would use millions of francs in income from Swiss official gold reserves to aid victims of human rights abuses, catastrophes and the Holocaust.

The "Swiss Foundation for Solidarity" would be set up next year, in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Swiss. Constitution, Koller told a special joint session of parliament.

Christoph Blocher, an industrialist and member of Parliament, immediately rejected the idea, saying the council "has lost its

Israel, however, hailed the

"Any action taken by the Swiss government in the direction of dealing with these issues in order to try and correct injustices of the past is certainly welcome," said Mosbe Fogel, head of the Government Press Office.

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, a leader in the campaign for Swiss restitution, said, "This is without doubt a farreaching decision."

Abraham Foxman, the head of the Anti-Defamation League, said the Swiss move now puts pressure on the other nations neutral during the war - Sweden, Spain, Turkey and Portugal - to

The foundation, which would benefit individuals in Switzerland and abroad, would be financed using the profits of the Swiss National Bank's extensive gold reserves. The recipients would be victims of poverty and catastrophes, of genocide and buman rights violations, including Holocaust victims, Koller said.

Needy Holocaust victims will also be the beneficiaries of a separate fund, now valued at SF 100 million, that was established last month by the three leading Swiss banks. There bad been calls for the Swiss government to contribute to that fund. However, Blocher bas publicly opposed using any taxpayer money for any "compensation" program, arguing that Switzerland need not "apologize" for its war-era activities.

The Koller fund would require Parliament's approval, hut no funding from the federal budget. In neither case was it clear what the specific criteria for eligibility

for the funds might entail. Hans Meyer, chairman of the Swiss National Bank, said Koller's plan was based on revaluing the country's gold reserves, which by law are fixed at an outdated price of SF 4,595 per kilogram.

With the current market value more than three times that much. come to terms with their wartime the Swiss could gradually sell off before the foundation could



Swiss President Arnold Koller speaks at a joint session of parliament in Bern yesterday, when he announced the establishment of a humanitarian fund.

part of the gold and invest the proceeds for the foundation.

Even though the Swiss intend to take 10 years to sell off the gold to avoid any impact on the price, the world's gold markets reacted with concern to Koller's announcement. The price of gold dropped about \$4 an ounce to about \$354 by late afternoon.

The Swiss franc would still be completely backed by gold and retain its value in world money markets, Meyer said, adding that it would probably take two years

begin operating. David Harris adds:

'Creating this fund is an act of goodwill for people of any race," said Knesset Jewish property restitution subcommittee chairman Avraham Herschson

is to be welcomed. "But let me say this as clearly as possible: nothing can hide the accounts that were opened hy Jews in Swiss banks, and we're calling for the revelation of all these accounts, uo matter whether they set up this fund or

(Likud). "Any initiative like this

Zo Artzenu activist arrested

Police arrested Shmuel Sackett, a Zo Artzenu activist, at his home in Karnei Shomron early yesterday morning, and confiscated documents and tapes from the home of Binyamin Ze'ev Kahane's home at Kfar Tapuah.

According to Kahane's neighbor, Lenny Goldberg, police were searching for material connected with the weekly leaflet Derech Shel Torah, which Kahane and Sackett distribute to synagogues throughout the country.

Kahane, who was not home at the time of the 6 a.m. police raid, said the police had a search warrant. "Police have been harassing me for almost two years," be said. Radio reports said yesterday that police were searching for seditious material connected with the leaflet. Margot Dudkevitch

Two killed in motorcycle accidents

Sagi Damari, 17, of Beersheba, was killed early yesterday morning when the motorcycle he was driving swerved and collided head-on with an oncoming van in Beersheba, police said. In Holon, pedestrian Paulina Koroniuk, 69, of Holon, was struck and killed by a motorcycle as she was crossing the street. The motorcyclist was slightly injured.

Israeli Arabs call for halt to Har Homa

Israelí Arab leaders called on the government yesterday to rescind the decision to construct Jewish homes on Har Homa and to stop what they described as ongoing excavations beneath the Temple Mount.

The call was made during a visit to the two sites yesterday by members of the monitoring committee, composed of Arah MKs and the forum of Arab Council Heads.

"This decision can only cause a deterioration in the peace process, as well as in relations between the two nations," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the Arab Council Heads

Poli: Mordechai leads Netanyahu by 25%

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has the confidence of 77 percent of Jewish adults, compared to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu with 52%, according to a poll taken last week by Modi in Ezrahi on behalf of the Steinmetz Center of Tel Aviv University, Justice Minister Tzahi Haneghi had a confidence rating of 42%, A similar poll in August 1996 rated Netanyahu at 64%, Jerusalem Post Staff

Arafat tells congressmen of assassination attempt

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat told members of Congress late Tuesday that there was an assassination attempt against him in Gaza last week.

According to a congressman who attended the meeting, Arafat said one of his aides, who was also at the event in the Capitol, nearly became a victim too. Arafat motioned to him and the two nodded, the congressman said. Arafat did oot provide details on the alleged assassination attempt.

Asked about Arafat's claim, a senior US official said: "I haven't seen anything on that at all. I have not been aware that there have been any focused attempts on him."

During Tuesday's meeting with 25 members of the House of Representatives, Arafat said he was willing to have Americans and Europeans inspect cargo entering a Palestinian scaport to assure that contraband weapons do not enter the territory under his control, which is a a major concern of

According to New Jersey

Congressman Steve Rothman, Arafat said he would welcome Congress' assistance in obtaining sophisticated weapon-detecting equipment for use at the port. He also asked for Congress' help in obtaining a forensic laboratory, which be told the members the Palestinians do not possess.

Another participant said Arafat criticized Arab countries, particularly those in the Gulf, for not fulfilling their financial pledges to the Palestinians.

"He was not being at all indirect about it. He said: 'We're not getting the help we need," the source said. Meanwhile, Arafat told Security

Council members yesterday that Israel was harming the Middle East peace process by planning to build at Har Homa.

He was speaking to reporters after conferring privately with the members of the 15-nation council a few hours before the start of a council debate on Har Homa.

Arafat also met with Jewish leaders yesterday, then left New York to deliver similar messages to two former US presidents - Jimmy Carter in Georgia and George Bush in

PA offices served closure notices

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and news agencies

Four Palestinian offices in eastern Jerusalem were served notice by the government last night that they had 96 hours to close their doors.

The notices were served after Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani met with police and security officials at around 6 p.m. last night to discuss the procedure. This fol-lowed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision on Tuesday to close the offices.

The US criticized the move last night, saying the decision to shut down the offices was "very difficult to understand."

"As the president and the secretary of state have both said, this is a time when it is very important that the [Middle East]) parties take steps that will build confidence between them," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said, "It is therefore very difficult to understand wby the Israeli government made such a decision at this time when there is a very difficult ... relationship with

The timing of the closure notices seemed aimed to coincide with tomorrow's deadline on the next stage of IDF troop pullback from rural areas of the West Bank as well as the start of talks on a permanent peace settlement that are scheduled to begin March 15.

Under the Oslo accords, the PA only may operate in self-rule areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and has no jurisdiction in eastern Jerusalem

Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki, head of Jerusalem police, said that the ootices given to the Palestinian Authority offices "is a request for them to close by themselves. If they don't, we'll do it according to the law, as we have done in other offices in eastern Jerusalem. They'll have 96 hours, and we will check it at the end of the time period, and then we'll make a decision.

The four offices involved were identified by Arabic newspapers as the Palestinian Mapping Office, the Palestinian Small Businesses Project, the Institute for the Wounded and the National Islamic

Committee Confronting Settlements. Palestinian officials charged yesterday that the decision to close the Palestinian offices is designed to raise tensions and sabotage the peace process.

Netanyahu's senior advisor, David Bar-Illan, said Israel intended to meet tomorrow's pullback deadline, but first demanded "reci-

procity" from the PLO. "It is impossible for the peace process to continue, for the redeployment [and] other obligations which Israel has to continue without the closing of these offices," he said.

Faisal Husseini, the senior Palestinian official in Jerusalem, called the order to close down the PA offices in Jerusalem a deliberate

"Although we see that these Israeli measures will cause an explosion, we are trying to save matters by contacting the Israelis and other countries to prevent this [from] happening," be said yesterday.

"I don't want to hear from the Israelis that they did not know what will happen, like they did after the tunnel," he said. "They know, they are certain and they are planning and are heading in that direction consciously and with their full will."

Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian peace negotiator, said that the four offices targeted

for closure had no ties to the PA. He accused Netanyahu of trying to sabotage final status

talks before they get off the ground. PA Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo accused Israel of acting in bad faith, including intending to withdraw only from a very small part of the West Bank this week.

Bar-Illan said the government would decide today on the range of the pullback. Once the decision is made, the implementation ... will not take more than 48 hours. We will be living up to the deadline of the seventh of March," he said.

Meanwhile, the PA has called for Palestinians to protest the planned construction at Har Homa by marching to Jerusalem and praying at Al-Aksa tomorrow.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel after meeting with Jordan's King Hussem on Tuesday night, said: "According to the European Union, east Jerusalem is not under the jurisdiction of Israel." Israel must prevent the acceptance of

decisions which are liable to harm the relationship of trust that is the basis of the peace

Hillel Kuttler contributed to this report



Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir (left) and former chief rabbi Avraham Shapiro meet yesterday in Jerusalem.

Hammer to meet with NRP over redeployment

By LIAT COLLINS and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Educatioo Minister Zevulun Hammer is to convene the National Religious Party faction this morning. He said vesterday that if there is no need to withdraw from Area C territories (which are under Palestinian civil control and Israeli security control), this should not be

"In principle, we don't see this as being the right thing. If there is oo clear commitment to it in Oslo, there is no reason to start the first redeployment in Area C," Hammer said in a radio interview from Paris. He cut short his visit in France to be present for today's cabinet

Third Way faction chairman Yebuda Harel, on the other hand, wrote Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu a letter of support yesterday for trying to further the peace process "and the separation between the Palestinians and Israel." His faction, meanwhile, sent the pre-

should remain under Israeli control after permanent arrangements.

The faction said it would not agree to redeployment from these territories - particularly the Jordan Valley, the Ein Gedi region, the Judean Desert, or the northern Hebron hills which it says are essential for security reasons. It also demanded oo concessions be made in the Greater Jerusalem area and along major

Members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza are to meet with Netanyahu this afternoon in a lastminute effort to convince him not to agree to withdraw from Area C.

The meeting with Netanyahu will culminate particularly intensive lobbying by the council during the past week. It is to be attended by council chairman Pinhas Wallerstein, director Aharon Domb, Ze'ev Hevel, director of Amana, responsible for setting up and maio-

mier a detailed map marking the areas it says taining settlements, Shaul Mizrahi, the mayor of Givat Ze'ev, and Benny Kashriel, the co cil's deputy chairman and mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim.

The aim of the meeting, said Yehiel Leiter, head of the council's foreign desk, "is to press our position that, according to the Oslo agreement, we are under no obligation to withdraw from area C, and to minimize as much as possible withdrawal from area B, where at least we will still have military control."

According to Leiter, the intensive lobbying appears to have paid off to some extent, "You have Yisrael Ba aliya saying they won't vote until they have a complete picture or details of all three stages, and the Third Way says the same."

A meeting yesterday between former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and former chief rabbi Avraham Shapiro was not initiated by the council, says Leiter, but by former chairman Yehuda Harel, who represents a minority wishing to take an anti-Netanyahu stand.

BACKGROUND

Only one office affiliated with the

By JON IMMANUEL

None of the eastern Jerusalem offices ordered closed by the government have been mentioned in connection with PA activities in the past, except for the Geographic Research and Information Center.

According to the east Jerusalem daily, Al Quds, the other three offices are the office for microprojects, the prisoners' club, and the Islamic Committee for struggle against settlements.

The geographic office, headed by Khalil Tnfakji, is located in Faisal Husseini's Arab Studies Society next to Orient House. However, "I have not been ordered closed," Tufakji said last

Tufakji draws up maps showing planned settlements and roads. He has worked with Palestinian pego-tiators, but he is not a PA official. His mapping office, like Orient House, began functioning in Jerusalem long before the Oslo agreements.

The office of micro-droiccus is Wadi Joz is a non-governmental organization, according to several Palestinian sources, and is concerned with financing small busi-

nesses and community centers. The prisoners' club and Islamic committee say they represent what their names imply. The prisoner's club, which by its nature is close to Fatah, has a Bethlehem-based representative on a PA subcommittee dealing with the release of prisoners. In the past it has received PLO financial aid, which may oow come from the PA. But dozens of institutions have received aid channeled through the PLO, now the PA, including Mokassed Hospital.

The issue of expelling agents of Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub is even more unclear. Most of the agents are Fatah activists who live in Jerusalem with Israeli residence permits. They are not iofiltrated from outside the city, but are basically loval to the PA. However, according to ontgoing

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit, the activity of Jibril Rajonb in Jerusalem] is virtually in the past tense."

But he defended the government's action. "We must remember it is a matter of symbolism. There is a war of attrition by the PA which tries from time to time to find a small opening in east Jerusalem."

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Likud's Eitan calls for national unity government

By LIAT COLLINS

Coalition faction chairman Michael Eitan yesterday called for a national unity government and said the current coalition is on the verge of collapse.

Eitan made the statement in an unusual press conference with parliamentary reporters after a series of coalition defeats in the plenum. The last straw for Eitan was the defeat of the preliminary reading of an amendment to the Israel Electric Company Law that MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) had proposed, but had government support.

Eitan is demanding that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meet with coalition faction heads on Sunday to try to solve the problems be faces in the Knesset.

"I'm the coalidon chairman without a coalition to chair," Eitan said.
"I can't continue to accept responsibility under these circumstances." He detailed the many failures the

coalition had sustained in plenum votes in recent weeks and complained that bills in which the Left is interested can pass with an 80 MK majority vote while those that the ruling coalidon wants have to struggle to get through.

"I have no doubt that if there were a national unity government, Har Homa would have passed by 80 votes," he said.

The events surrounding the bill on the electric company franchise which Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon described as "an embarrassing spectacle" - only served to increase Eitan's feeling that the coalition is not functioning. The debate itself grew so unruly that Tichon ordered a 10-minute break

for tempers to cool down.

Many coalition MKs claimed that the IEC workers and management placed pressure on the Labor government to renew the franchise for 10 years in the last Knesset. Former finance minister Avraham Shohat said bonds had been issued on the basis of a 10-year franchise and the period could not now be cut. Labor MKs turned out in full to stop Rubinstein's amendment pass-

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, responsible for energy, said he also opposed the bill, espite the official support of the government. Eitan, as coalition chairman, mobilized enough coalition MKs for the bill to pass and argued with those who refused to support it, claiming they were violating coalition discipline. Towards the end of the debate,

Eitan suggested postponing the

vote to a later date. Such a request requires a vote to unanimously support it. Eitan asked the coalition MKs who objected to the bill to at least agree to put off the vote on it. Sharon, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Finance Minister Dan Meridor all agreed, but Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi suddenly opposed the delay. At this point Eitan told Hanegbi: "There is no more coali-tion. The coalition has disintegral-

Meretz: Opposition not voting in Knesset

By LIAT COLLINS

The opposition is failing to make the most of Knesser votes, Meretz faction chairman Haim Oron told Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen in a letter yesterday.

The letter, claiming the Labor Party MKs were not turning up in sufficient numbers to get bills passed, was sent on a day in which the coalidon suffered such a series of defeats that coalition chairman Michael Eitan threatened to resign and claimed the coalition was no longer functioning. "We should pay attendon to the coalition's disintegration and

inability to concentrate its forces," Oron wrote. "I'm convinced that

today if we were only organized properly we could determine almost the entire Knesset plenum agenda. He listed a number of votes yesterday in which only a small number of Labor MKs, and sometimes only one, were present. Oron said the opposition should not be content with just filing no-confidence motions but should launch a concentrated attack on the government

by consistently raising far-reaching private members bills.

The vote to delay the final vote failed by a large majority and several coalition members left the plenum. The vote on the bill itself then also failed, with 18 supporting the shorter franchise, 45 against and two abstentions.

Eitan charged Hanegbi was being hypocritical by first opposing the bill, and contributing to its failure. even though he ultimately voted in favor, in line with the government's

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Chief-Supt. Effi Keinan, the police officer who was critically injured after being struck by a car during riots in Jisr e-Zarka village near Hadera on Sunday night, died at Haifa's Rambam Hospital yes-

Keinan, 37, head of the Haifa police district's intelligence unit, is survived by his wife, Leah, and three children. He will be buried at 11:30 a.m. today in the police section of Haifa's Neveh David

"Today I feel a bit foolish and naive. For so many years he was in danger and I didn't sense it," Leah Keinan said yesterday. I had a feeling that small things would happen to him... but I never felt that something [this] bad would happen to him. He radiated so much strength, security, and ability that he convinced us all."

The announcement of his death cast a pall over the Haifa district police headquarters. His coworkers described him as a man of principles, a very conscientious and diligent colleague who would be sorely missed.

Supt. Shlomit Minkovski, spokesman for the district, said Keinan would not normally have been called out; but that night he was the duty officer and went to the scene to supervise operations aimed at restoring calm in the village.

Minkovski said the violence erupted when a group of residents attacked outsiders who had come to the village apparently to do business with local drug dealers. Stones, bottles, and other objects were thrown at the outsiders, several cars were damaged, and people were injured as the rioting spread. When police arrived, they became targets.

Reinforcements were called and

rioting. The situation was almost under control when Keinan was struck by the car.

"One of the residents got into his car and drove toward where all the police were concentrated," Minkovski said. One policeman almost was run down by the car before it swerved and headed towards Keinan and Supt. Yitzhak

"The other officer managed to jump clear, but not Effi, who was hit by the car and oragged for several meters," Minkovski said.

The driver, Mohammed Hamis A'amash, 23, was arrested and later remanded by Hadera Magistrate's Court on suspicion of attempted murder. He now may be charged with murder.

A'amash has denied deliberately driving at the officers, claiming he had tear gas in his eyes and because of that lost control of the car.



MDA president Prof. Shlomi Antebbe (left) and Palestinian Red Crescent Society president Dr. Fathi Arafat discuss ways their organizations can help one another, at a meeting at Jerusalem's American Colony Hotel yesterday.

Panel blames lax procedures for foreign

By Jerusalem Post Staff

procedures by the former head of the Employment Service led to the "uncontrolled influx" of foreign workers, a committee appointed Minister Eli Yishai said in a report issued yesterday,

Former service director-general dures when he was in office until the end of 1966, concentrating all authority in his hands without any form of checks and balances, the

Faran said be was supported and

. Faran also did not adequately monitor the granting of permits. and did not computerize the registry of foreign laborers, it added. Permits were granted to some 105,000 foreign workers by the end of 1996, compared to 13,000 at the beginning of 1994, the

70,000 work permits in 1996,

Service transferred its authority to others who had special interests,"

worker influx

A disregard of administrative by Labor and Social Affairs

Alex Faran acted to change procereport said.

encouraged to be personally involved in the issuing of permits. by former labor and social affairs minister Ora Namir, the report.

report said.

deciding on permits for foreign laborers according to sector, Faran formed committees with the participation of interested parties, whose dominance resulted in the issuing of 85 percent of the permits to the construction and agriculture sectors.

In the building sector, the Contractors Association became involved in the issuing of up to while the Moshav Movement acted to obtain as many as 17,000

"In this way, the Employment the report said.

Yishai adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the committee, which was headed by ministry deputy director-general Eli Paz and included other ministry



Future world champions?

Ten-year-olds Eli Tinkelman (left) and Yelena Tchatchko get The couple winning the Latin crown in the 16-35-year-old

ready to compete in the Third International Ballroom Dancing Competition to be held in Ashdod March 13-14. Six couples from the 135 pairs from 11 countries competing will reach the finals of each category (Latin, European, mixed). group will represent Israel at the European championship in Germany in June.

MDA and Red Crescent discuss cooperation

By JUDY SEGEL

Magen David Adom will help the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) train medics and ambulance drivers, while the PRCS will work for MDA's recognition by the International Red Cross (IRC) and its becoming a full member rather than just an observer.

These matters were discussed yesterday in the first official meeting between MDA president Prof. Shlomi Antebbe and PRCS president Dr. Fathi Arafat at the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem. Arafat, the brother of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, also gladly accepted Antebbe's invitation to visit MDA headquarters in Tel Aviv.

The two physicians - both of them pediatricians and the youngest of the seven children in their families - found they have a lot in common during the two bours they discussed - "in a very warm atmosphere" - how to strengthen links between their humanitarian organizations.

Antebbe said Arafat asked for assistance in organizing the studies at the PRCS's new school for emergency medical technicians (including medics, blood collectors and ambulance drivers) in El Bireh; another one is due to open in Gaza. The MDA president said his organization has much experience and Arabiclanguage training materials for high-level

Until now, the Civil Administration has facil-

itated courses at MDA for Palestinians, but now the Palestinians are setting up their own facilities, and ambulance drivers are urgently needed, Antebbe added.

The two will meet again soon in Tunisia at an assembly of IRC Mediterranean countries and further discuss plans for MDA to become a full-fledged member of the international first aid and rescue organization. Antebbe explained that while political opposition has prevented this so far, the peace process has broken down opposition among Arab countries, and that even before the Oslo process began, Arafat told the IRC that MDA should be accepted.

Arafat said he would like to cooperate fully with MDA in the fields in which it has expertise.

Education Ministry chief: No preference for haredim

By LIAT COLLINS

Not a single shekel for additional classroom construction in the haredi sector has been allocated at the expense of other Education Ministry projects, ministry said yesterday. Responding to accusations that

such classrooms are allotted according to coalition deals, Dell said the budgets for their construcnon had been transferred to the ministry as a supplement approved by the Treasury and the Knesset Finance Committee.

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) had denounced press reports that haredi MKs allocate classrooms according to coalition agreements, but he also criticized Dell for reportedly admitting this was the

Ravitz said that, according to the system determined this year, classrooms are built according to need. "The local authorities make their recommendations to the development anthority and the authority determines its priorities according to principles of equali-

AT THE KNESSET

Bill would expand memorial day

BY LIAT COLLINS

A bill to broaden Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars: to include terror victims passed its first reading yesterday. Proposed by Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), it passed 37 to nine with two abstentions.

The bill would allow relatives work for memorial services, just as the families of fallen soldiers

Porat said he proposed the bill at the suggestion of terror victims' families, who felt burt they had no national day on which to remember their loved ones.

'Ambulance chasing' bill passes first reading

A bill to bar commercial interests from bothering bereaved families in the first hours of their loss passed preliminary reading yesterday. Under the bill, those who know of a death because of their work - such as bospital or ambulance staff, police, or burial societies - would not be allowed to pass on the name of relatives to commercial enterprises. The mail boxes of bereaved families are commonly flooded with fliers for stonemasons and other such services just after they

Labor submits no-confidence motion

The Labor faction has filed a motion of no-confidence in the prime minister over what it calls his incitement against and attacks on the democratic regime" made at the Likud convention Sunday.

"There is no precedent for an Israeli prime minister inciting against the rule of law," said fac-"The Labor faction has no confidence in the great demagogue and speaker Binyamin Netanyahu."

Voting abroad in first year only Israelis abroad would only be able to vote in national elections that take place the first year they are ont of the country, under a bill proposed by Roman Bronfman (Yisrael Ba'aliya), which passed preliminary reading 30 to 13 yesterday. It was presented to counter the bill being promoted by MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud) to allow emigrants the right to vote. Bronfman said his bill would allow tourists and temporary visitors to vote, but not expatriates.

Bill would ban

promoting sex services
A bill which would ban the advertisement of sexual services passed preliminary reading by 11 votes to three yesterday. Hanan

Porat proposed the bill, which is supported by the government. Avraham Poraz (Shinui) opposed , saying the ban would lead to illegal advertising in public places instead, such as the sort of announcements seen in London telephone booths. Poraz bas submitted a bill to regulate prostitution by banning it from public and

TV license fee may be outlawed By a vote of 14 to nine, the Knesset passed preliminary read-ing of a bill by Benny Elon (Moleckt) which would a bolich (Moledet) which would abolish the Broadcasting Authority license fee. The authority should be able to fund its programs through commercials and other outside financing for cultural programs, Elon said.

'Same language' bill
passes first reading
Public bodies would be obliged

to reply to citizens in the same language they used, according to a bill which passed preliminary reading yesterday. Proposed by Yisrael Ba'aliya facilon chairman Roman Bronfman, the bill did not bave government support. The bill refers only to inquiries or requests made in Hebrew. English, Arabic. Russian, and

New body set up to help scam victims

By ESTHER HECHT

Hundreds of immigrants from the CIS who lost their life's savings when they tried to transfer them here bave found support in a new public committee.

The committee, comprised of professionals, academics and Knesset members, held its first meeting on Tuesday to discuss ways to persuade the government to resolve the immigrants' plight.

The immigrants lost thousands of dollars each when they tried to transfer money through companies to which aliya counselors referred them. Many of the counselors operated in conjunction with the Liaison Bureau, which is under the aegis of the Prime

Minister's Office. Last week Ha' aretz reported yet another set of victims of a moneytransfer scheme, this one in Siberia. It was run by Shmuel Azarch, today an adviser to the prime minister on immigration

and absorption. A public committee is necessary because "there are so many agencies that deal with immigrants, yet no one is really dealing with our problem," said Vera Gutkina, spokeswoman for more than 500

victims from Russia. The police are not investigating, though more than 90 complaints have been filed, because the former attorney general and the State Attorney's Office instructed them not to investigate, a police

On December 30, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu raised the immigrants' hopes when he appointed a committee, beaded by the justice minister and including the finance and absorption ministers, to examine their problem and present its recommendations within 30 days. More than a month after the set date, the committee has yet to present its recommendations. Both the Russian and the

Ukrainian groups have filed civil

suits against the companies involved and their heads, the Jewish Agency and the State of Israel. But legal action could drag on for years.

MK Naomi Blumenthal, head of

the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, has submitted a private member's bill calling for the establishment of a committee to determine compensation, to be paid by the state, for all immigrants from the CIS who lost money in similar schemes.

Burg: 1.2 million potential immigrants still in CIS

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

Jewish Agency emissaries in the CIS are "knocking on the doors of Jews there, and not waiting for them to knock on ours," according to Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg.

Burg told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee on Tuesday that there are some 1.2 million potential olim in the CIS. That number includes 700,000 families in which both husband and wife are Jewish, Burg said, adding that the solidification of the govemments in Russia and the test of the CIS requires new organization

by the agency. Sixty percent to 70% of the agency's Aliya Department budget goes to the periphery in the CIS, since there is a greater chance to convince Jews there to immigrate, and at a smaller cost, he said.

Committee chairwoman MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said that

despite the fact that the governments in the CIS had become more stable, there is no guarantee that the Iron Curtain will not be lowered again, and Jews forbidden to leave. For that reason, she said, these Jews should be considered Jews in disuess.

STOP THE BUILDING ON HAR HOMA

The building on Har Homa threatens the continuity of the peace process, and further damages the fabric of coexistence in Jerusalem . Unilateral decisions are not the way to achieve either peace or security.

> Join in a demonstration near Har Homa to oppose the construction

Saturday evening March 8, 6:30 p.m. Parking lot, Liberty Bell Park

Albanian army attacks rebels

VIENNA - Troops went into action to put down an armed uprising in southern Albania yesterdav but faced stiff resistance and in one skirmish appeared to be forced to retreat

Tanks and fighter planes joined the operacon, launched under a state of emergency imposed to end unrest which began with street protests by investors fleeced by pyramid investment schemes but which now threatens to ignite fullscale civil war.

The US State Department accused Albanian authorities of intimidating opposition politicians and restricing press freedoms.

Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said he did not know whether a Voice of America interview he gave for Albanian listeners was heard because, he said, the lines have been cut.

'It's incumbent upon the Albanian government...to allow internacional broadcast stations like VOA to broadcast freely and in an unfeitered way into Albania," he said. "We also think it's a great mistake to suspend the rights of journalists, foreign or domestic, in Albania itself." He said the United States is trying to fashion a common position on Albania hy working with the Italian and Greek governments and others in Europe.

"I think our advice would be: Restore democracy, restore demo-

personal computer.

browser's security system.

backed off that time frame.

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. said it has

come up with a fix to a flaw in its Internet Explorer

browser which could allow a Web site operator to

secretly run programs or ruin files in someone else's

A software patch to correct the problem is imme-

This update is an immediate response to ensure

Though Microsoft said it had no reports from cus-

diately available free to users at Microsoft's World

that Microsoft customers continue to have a safe

Internet experience with Microsoft Internet

tomers of security breaches, company officials said

the flaw was a serious problem because it potential-

ly could allow an electronic attacker to bypass the

Microsoft, which made the problem public after it

dent, immediately assigned a team of programmers

Balle said late Monday that Microsoft hoped to

Programmers worked around the clock and came

Internet Explorer is used by millions of people

up with a fix late Tuesday night that Internet

worldwide to access the Web. The program, which

has been offered free by Microsoft, is the company's

Explorer users could download from the web site.

have a fix posted to the company's site on the World

Wide Web within hours, but company officials later

to come up with a fix, said Paul Balle, a product

manager for Microsoft's Internet Explorer team.

Explorer," the company said in a news release.

Wide Weh site, the company said yesterday.

restore rights to the journalists who are now being inomidated,"

He said the United States is not considering a cut in the dlrs 27 million U.S. aid program for Albania, rejecting a call by the New York Times for a suspension of aid as "counter-productive."

The money is not directed to the Albanian government but to building democracy in Albania, including development of the rule of law and a free market economy, he

The West began diplomatic efforts to calm the chaos in Europe's poorest country but critics said the outside world might again be doing too little too late to prevent bloodshed in the Balkans.

The Albanian army retreated after a clash with armed insurgents near the village of Styari, 10 km east of the port of Sarande, which left four villagers and at least two soldiers wounded, wimesses said.

"Eyewitnesses just told us that the battle is over and the troops withdrew," Dimitris Stefos, an exprefect in the southern port of Sarande, said by telephone.

The fighting lasted about 40 minutes and at least two soldiers were wounded." "The people won. The army, about 60 soldiers, got into their trucks and drove away," a Greek journalist at the scene said.

Rebels drove a tank captured from the army gleefully through the streets of Sarande. Hundreds cratic rights to the opposition, of heavily armed men set up a

Microsoft finds solution

to Internet Explorer bug

software programs.

entrance to the town, saying they were determined to fight to the

Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini said yesterday he had been told hy his Albanian counterpart Tritan Shehu that the situation in the southern towns of Vlore, Sarande and Delvine was "out of control". Rebels had captured three armored vehicles, he

Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok said the European Union was sending his country's foreign minister to Albania tomorrow for emergency talks.

A Council of Europe delegation arrived in Tirana yesterday but a mission from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe seemed to be facing a delay. "The Albanians said they don't know whether this is the right time," a Western diplomatic source source said.

"Our main concern now is to get the government and the opposidon talking and to make sure that the trouble does not spill over into other areas of the Balkans which are already unsettled." another Western envoy said.

At least three people were injured yesterday when a bomb went off in Pristina, the capital of the Kosovo region.

Two adults and three children were rescued from a small boat by an Italian frigate in the Adriatic yesterday after they fled the port

wide variety of Microsoft's business and consumer

cent share of the browser market, behind Netscape

Balle said the flaw is found only on Internet Explorer versions 3.0 and 3.01 for Windows 95 and

Windows NT 4.0 operating systems. It does not affect users of Internet Explorer 3.0 or 3.0a for

Windows 3.1 or interset Explorer for Apple

The flaw involves basic functions found within

When a PC user clicks on a byperlink on a Web

page, Balle explained a Web page creator could

have that link connect to a file known as a "short-

used to start computer programs or functions.

If the "webmaster" for the Web page can guess

the precise location and code needed on the user's

computer, shortcuts could surrepodously select and

Many widely available programs such as

Windows 95 have standard locations or addresses

where their components are stored on computers.

Unless a PC user custom-installed or otherwise

modified a program, the addresses could be simple

The news didn't really affect Microsoft's stock, which closed down 37.5 cents at \$99.125 a share on

Officials at Netscape, Microsoft's hitter rival, said

Communications Corp.'s Navigator program.

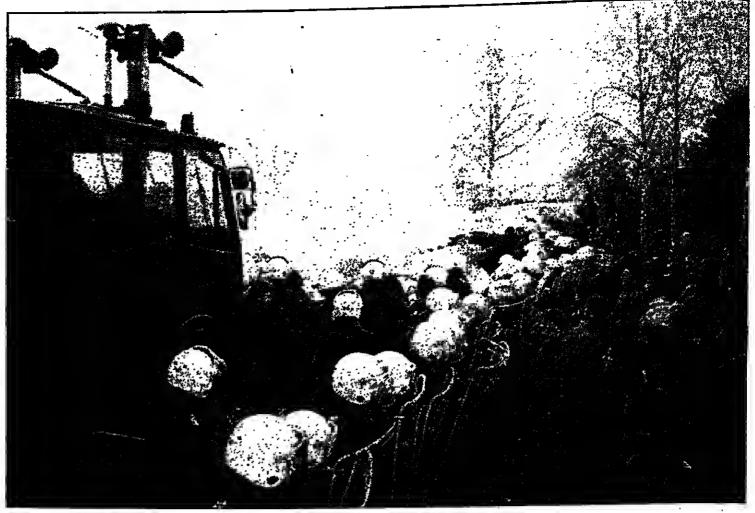
their product did oot have the security flaw.

Macintosh versions 2.1, 3.0 or 3.0a.

Microsoft's Windows operating systems.

start programs on the user's hard drive.

Microsoft estimates it has a 25 percent to 30 per-



German police use a water cannon to stop anti-nuclear protesters from blocking a road.

German protesters clash with police over nuclear waste

By CLAUS-PETER TIEMANN

DANNENBERG, Germany (AP) - Police broke up a sit-in by and-nuclear activists and battled protesters throwing firebombs yesterday while clearing the way for the last leg of a nuclear waste transport.

Dogged by thousands of protesters along

the route, the six flatbed trucks reached their destination, a storage site at Gorleben, by mid-afternoon after n 20-km trip from the Dannenberg train station.

Hundreds of police in riot gear secured the convoy on both sides as it rumbled through the countryside. Officers charged into fields wielding batons and used water cannon to keep away protesters, who threw stones and bottles and set straw on fire along the route.

After a 4-hour trip, the convoy rolled through the heavy steel gates of the Gorleben complex to a chorus of whistles from protesters, backed by police into trees lining the final stretch of road. Police helicopters whirred overhead.

"Is this democracy?" one protester's sign

Earlier, police used water cannon to disperse some 6,000 demonstrators who had staged a sit-in at the station to try to block the

transport. Activists said at least 46 demonstrators were injured, including two who were taken to hospital by helicopter.

Police confirmed some demonstrators were injured, but had no immediate details. After leaving the train station hours late, the trucks stopped every few meters as police cleared away protesters, some of whom threw

bottles at the waste containers. A protester jumped onto one of the trucks

from a steel cable suspended from trees, but police swiftly pulled him off. Protesters set straw on fire along the convoy's route and hurled stones at police in

Quickborn, a town between Dannenberg and Gorleben in a usually tranquil, rural part of northern Germany. Police ran into fields wielding batons and used water cannon to drive protesters from the

Schoolchildren in Dannenberg and Gorleben were allowed to take yesterday off because of traffic disruptions. Some apparentwere out protesting, a school district spokesman said.

Nearly 300 protesters have been arrested since a train carrying the wastes arrived early

Six police officers were hurt during

overnight clashes with some 500 militant protesters firing slingshots, Molotov cocktails, steel nuts and fireworks on the road to

In Quickborn, a police car was set ablaze but the fire was extinguished with a water cannon. Thirty-three people were arrested in the Quickborn area during the night. At the Dannenberg station, police unsuc-

cessfully ordered the demonstrators to move shortly after midnight. Then, officers-began hauling them one-by-one beyond a police line. Later they sprayed water at the protesters, who responded with a chorus of jeers. Many of the protesters withstood the

drenching by covering themselves with sheets of plastic. Others returned to the sit-in after changing their clothes.

It has been the biggest - and costliest security operation in postwar Germany, with 30,000 police officers deployed to protect the shipmeot and to keep protesters from block-

Danneoberg is about 100 km southeast of Hamburg in northern Germany. The nuclear waste from German power plants had been re processed in France and then returned under an agreement requiring its storage in Germany, which has no reprocessing plant.

key Internet product and is designed to work with a the Nasdao Stock Market. Rival Koreas begin talks

was discovered late last week by a university stu- cut" in Windows 95 and NT. Shortcuts are widely

NEW YORK (AP) - With smiles and small talk, officials from the United States, North and South Korea began meedings yesterday that US mediators hope will lead to peace on the Korean peninsula, one of the last flash points from the Cold War,

Delegations from the three govemments gathered in a New York hotel room to hear US and South Korean proposals for talks that would also include China aimed at a peace treaty formally ending the Korean War.

An armistice ended the fighting in Korea in 1953 but created an uneasy truce along the heavily armed border between communist North Korea and capitalist South Korea. No formal peace treaty was ever signed.

The three delegations sat at a table. round Wednesday's agenda was modest, the meeting was significant because it marks the first ome in 25 years that delegations from two Koreas have sat in the same room

to talk peace. "We need to hear what they say before we respond." North Korea's chief delegate, Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan, said as he hrushed past hordes of South Korean reporters and TV crews.

North Korea will also hold talks with the United States tomorrow. Those talks will include the search for remains of American soldiers missing in the Korean War, the opening liaison offices in one another's capital and other issues.

At the urging of the chief US del-

egate, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Charles Kartman, the three Although delegation leaders posed for photographers smiling and clasping their hands together before the closed-door talks.

Despite the often hostile reladons between the two Koreas, a US official said "they were very pleasant with one another." South Korea's delegation was led

hy Assistant Foreign Minister Song Young-shik. North Korea's participation in talks with the South Koreans rep-

resents a major concession by the reclusive, Communist govern-ment. For years, the North Koreans sought direct talks with the United States excluding South Korea, which the Communists routinely denounce as a US puppet state.

Canada may try Taiwanese sailors for killing stowaways

today if there is enough evidence to try six Taiwanese sailors accused of killing three Romanian stowaways at sea in what bas become an internacional diplomat-

If Nova Scoda Supreme Court Justice Michael MacDonald finds there is sufficient evidence for a trial, Canadian Justice Minister Allan Rock must then decide whether to extradite the men to

Romania_ Romania and Taiwan are wrangling for control of the Taiwanese officers' fate. China, claiming sovereignty over Taiwan, argues that it has jurisdiction over the seamen.

Cheng Sbiou, 34, captain of the merchant ship involved, the Maersk Dubai, has denied any

wrongdoing by him or his officers.
The accused officers declined comment to reporters, but their translator, Huey-Jean Yang, said the men "feel like chess pieces being played in an internacional power struggle." The tangled tale

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia began last May when eight Filipino (Reuter) - A judge will decide crewmen deserted the container crewmen descried the container ship Maersk Dubai in this port city on Canada's Atlantic coast.

The distraught crewmen told Canadian port authorities that the ship's Taiwanese officers had ordered two Romanian stowaways onto a makeshift raft off the Spanish coast in March. The Filipinos said another Romanian discovered on the ship during a separate voyage in May was also forced overboard in the mid-Atlantic.

A fourth Romanian, Nicolae Pasca, survived with the help of the Filipinos, who said they hid him in the bowels of the ship, bringing him food and clothing.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police stormed the ship, arrested the officers and charged them with first-degree murder on behalf of Romania. The Filipinos' testimony paint-

ed a harrowing, but inconsistent picture of stowaways murdered to avoid paying Canadian fines for barboring illegal immigrants.

Lebanon to charge Red Army suspects

BEIRUT (Reuter) - Japanese match the evidence with the sus-officials got their first glimpse pects, he said. yesterday of suspected Red Army terrorists detained in Beirut but were not allowed to interrogate them, Lebanon's Prosecutor-General Adnan Addoum said.

Lebanese sources said the five suspects would be charged today with offences against Lebanese laws carrying up to three years jail

dashing Tokyo's hopes of quickly extraditing the alleged terrorists to face trial for international offences.

They would be charged by Beirut with possessing and using forged passports, forging Lehanese immigration stamps, forged forging entering Lebanon illegally and illegal residence in the country, judicial sources said.

Three other Japanese citizens detained with the Red Army suspects would be released today because their passports were in order, the sources said.

They identified the three as Sei Harada, Moroshima Takayaki and Shamato Yushiyoki. Lebanon has not yet confirmed

the idenoty of the five suspected terrorists who will be charged. An official announcement had been expected yesterday but Addourn told reporters in late afternoon it had been delayed unol today.

He said Japan had provided documents identifying five of the detainees as Red Army terrorists Kozo Okamoto, 49, Masao Adachi, 57, Mariko Yamamoto, 56, Kazuo Tohira, 44 and Haruo

However, Lebanon still had to

The Red Army, founded in 1971, is allied to hardline anti-Israeli Palestinian factions and carried out the infamous Lod airport massacre. All five suspects are on the international wanted list on various charges. Addoum said Japanese

embassy and security officials met all eight detainees for half an hour yesterday for the first time since they were arrested on February 15. The meetings took place at the

Beirut law courts under tight restrictions imposed by Lebanese authorities. The restrictions gave the meet-

ings the character of consular visits rather than interrogations of suspects, but Addoum said some of the interviewers were Japanese security officials. Four meetings took place simul-

taneously in separate rooms, with a single Japanese official into viewing two detainees in each room in the presence of a Lebanese judge Addourn said. The conversations were in

English with the judge listening.
The Japanese officials asked the detainees if they wanted to send messages home to their families in Japan hut some of the detainees refused even to give their names,

Addoum said.

Japan originally hoped that
Lebanon would quickly deport the suspects to face trial in Japan on internacional charges, but the case became bogged down in confu-

THE JEWISH FESTIVALS AND HOLY DAYS

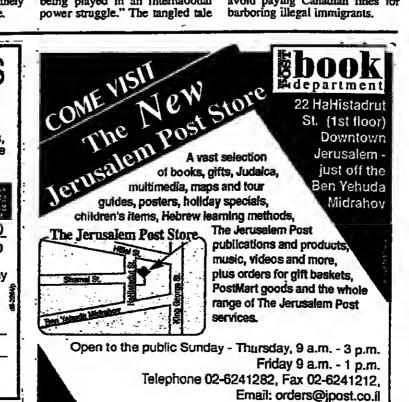


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No delay for McVeigh

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The defense team made the decision yesterday, that discussing options with McVeigh, and then meeting with US District Judge Richard Matsch and prosecutors.

"We've talked about it among ourselves, debated it, gone back and forth, and slept on it, as they say, talked to our client and we're comfortable with the decision that's been made," defense attorney. Stephen That's what our client wants and that's what we want and I think

that's what everybody wants." Prosecutor Pat Ryan said is did not believe a delay was necessary.



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will be drinkable. Also keep in

mind that if you do not like the wines you buy, you cannot

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Vintage

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The following are my

evaluations of the vintage

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Bordeaux wines being offered at the Tiroche auc-

tion in Herzliya Pituah on

1990, '89, '86, '85, '82, '61

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1988, '81, '70

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buy on impulse.

By DANIEL ROGOV

Then Israel's first wine auction was held 16 months ago, it attracted a crowd whose enthusiasm seemed to know no limits. Tiroche held the sale, which was well organized and dignified. But some buyers seemed intent on bidding with no knowledge of the real value of the wines they were buying.

Others, competing compulsively, behaved more as if they were at a roulette wheel in Las Vegas than at a dignified auction. Bids were so high that many wines sold for four or five times as much as they would have at auctions in London or New York or even in the better wine stores of America Europe.

Thankfully, behavior at the second auction was more restrained.

A perusal of the wines being offered at Tiroche's auction houses indicate that its third auction, to be beld on March 14 and 15 in Herzliya Pituah, will be their most serious to date. Concentrating heavily on the wines of Bordeaux, and with many wines from the splendid years of 1982, 1988, 1989 and 1990, the list of wines from top

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ehateaux such as Latour, Marganx, Mouton Rothschild. Hant Brion, Lafite Rothschild and Cheval Blanc is impressive. There are even several wines from the glorions years of

1945, 1947 and 1961. Many first-time visitors to wine auctions report that they either spent more money than they had wanted to, or, that once

present, they were afraid to bid Both of these problems can be avoided so long as one firm-

ly decides to adhere to a few

Read the catalog carefully as

Andrew Lloyd Webber's wines

In what should be one of the great wine auctions of the century, Sotheby's in London will auction composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's collection, on May 21.

Webber - who was recently made a lord - is best known as composer of the music for Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita and Phantom of the Opera. He has decided to sell his collection. Sotheby's estimates the sale will bring in more than £2

This is a dream cellar, virtually every bottle a great one. Catalogs and further information available by phoning Sotheby's Tel Aviv office at (03) 522-3822.

Taking the deep plunge

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

s much as swimwear may look the same, there's Always something novel in the fabric, cut, detail and color. The doubting Thomas need only look at the new Gottex and Gideon Oberson collections to be convinced. The eollections by Israel's two major swim and

beachwear designers are unique. No designer can completely turn his back on international trends. But interpretations of these trends are the true test of their creative abilities. . As usual, mother-and-daughter

team Leah Gottlieb and Judith Gottfried of Gottex and Gideon Oberson - who now designs under his own label for Klil Yofi have passed the test with flying Because Oberson was showing around the pool of Tel Aviv's Dan

only a glimpse, albeit impressive, of his latest output (see photos). Gottex, on the other hand, unveiled its collection in its own elegant factory showroom, afford-

ing media representatives the

Hotel, he gave fashion writers

opportunity to examine each of the garments on the rack, to feel the textures and to trace the subtleties of the designs.

Major global trends in swimwear today are the no-frills athletic look; the lingerie look with underwired bra cups and the flamenco inspiration with a white lace print on a black background.

The individual approaches to these trends by Gottex and Oberson is quite fascinating. In the lingerie look, for instance, Gottex does not confine itself to hra and panties, hut also borrows liberally from the corselette. Oberson, on the other hand, adds large buttohs to his bras and panties - a late '90s provocation. Even more provocative are his

sheer maillots which are diaphanous from just below the with embroidered appliques sitting like badges or patch pockets on the hreasts. Another version features an open flower design around the breast with jeweled embroidery over the

These particular suits were part of Oberson's grand finale. And to

well as decorative, all the models dived into the pool and began splashing each other.

Other than buttons, Oberson's main obsession this season is with ribbons, which are featured at the back and sides of maillots and in the back of softly tailored jackets that give a whole new meaning to beachwear coordinates.

Gottex has a lot of halterneck and one-shoulder maillots, scalloped necklines, shirred, draped and wrapped torsos, and a wide variety of cover-nps which include slinky hlack catsuits, maxi-length lacy coats, midilength safari coats, plus pants, shorts, skirts, dresses and jackets. Truly magnificent in a tree-bark print is a long, backless dress with a twisted halter neck.

For those with an inclination towards opulence there are some wonderfully exotic gold-emhossed prints in different shades of red, and semi-sheer horizontally striped caftans. The Tahitian floral prints, which

are integral to every Gottex collection, come in new arrangements and colors with a particular bias towards frangipani and hibis-

The pareo, which is another ever-present element in every Gottex collection, adds drama. worn sarong style or tied in a variety of eye-catching options. Oberson also uses the pareo as both a theatrical prop and a func-tional piece of cloth, but not to the same extent as Gottex.

Though neither Gottex nor Oberson has relinquished the high cuts which make their suits look even sexier over shapely legs, both have submitted to the current fashion dictate of the low square cut which may look great on a svelte figure, but is not at all flattering to anyone with thick thighs.

The choices are so attractive that many women will be tempted to buy several suits this summer. But considering that the two-piece lingerie look-alikes can serve a double purpose, no one should feel guilty about over-indulgence.

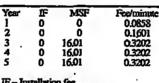


CAVEAT EMPTOR!

By RUTHIE BLUM

Tew Cellcom subscribers, beware of how you read your customer service contract. The table provided listing fees to be paid for installation, subscription and airtime may be somewhat mis-

The table shows a five-year price "forecast" as follows:



At the foot of the table there is a note in fine print "Prices above are quoted in shekels and are correct as

MSF - Monthly subscription fee

of December 27, 1994." In July 1995, P.D. of Ra'anana Hidden costs of mobile phones

signed a contract with Cellcom. In Cellcom's explanation to its dissat- tract. And since the chapters of the September of that year, he received his phone line. Three months later (in January 1996), he received a cellphone bill for NIS 0.175 per minute of airtime (a fancy way of saying 17 and a half agorot a minute).

"It is incomprehensible," wrote P.D. "that an Israeli company which won a tender... to compete with Motorola, should have a standard contract showing their price list for the first five years ... and then increase prices after signing up thousands of subscribers."

Feeling duped and misled, P.D. submitted a letter of complaint to Cellcom - via a lawyer - exactly one year ago. His complaint was acknowledged and responded to promptly, albeit not to P.D.'s satis-

isfied customer (and subsequently to me) was that the table listing the rates for the first five years refers to the first five years that the company is in business (from the end of 1994 until the end of 1999). It does not refer to the first five years of each individual customer's subscription.

After studying the terms of the license granted to Cellcom by the Ministry of Communications, I believe that there is no bad faith involved here. The table, however, would be much clearer if - rather than specifying the year "number" (i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) at the top - the actual year (i.e. 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, and 1999) were to be listed. Then, there would be no room for consumer confusion regarding the terms of the subscriber service conlicense dealing with the standard contract between the company and the subscribers include a segment about "altering" the standard contract, perhaps Cellcom would exhibit good faith by changing the mis-

What P.D. may not realize is that the Communications Ministry keeps a hawk eye on the whole cellular phone industry. Ironically, the idea behind the "close watch" is to enable free-market competition. Just as Cellcom entered the market to compete with Motorola's monopoly, negotiations are currently under way to bring in a third such company to compete.

Nevertheless, ministry supervision regarding the quality of the phone lines and service to customers is

istry, which includes: "details of subscribers... the way in which they were examined and dealt with, and in cases where [the complaints] were justified - the means by which the [company] corrected the ills..." Il remains to be seen whether

P.D.'s gripe will be taken into account - or even considered justified. But, even if nobody does anything for this consumer, in the final analysis, his best weapon will be his "feet." When a third cell-phone company enters the market, all three will be wooing our business. At that time, P.D. and others like him can "march" their business elsewhere.

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The right decision

could certainly bave been better. But the decision earlier this week not to allow Yorann Turbowicz, the former head of the government's Antitrust Authority, to take over immediately as Bezeq's managing director, rightly placed public propriety above personal consid-

By all accounts, Turbowicz is one of Israel's most gifted and deserving young administrators, who served the public impeccably while aggressively guarding against the formation of trusts and monopolies. But making personal exceptions can too easily establish precedents that can be misused in other cases. Given that Israel is seeking to firmly integrate itself into the global economy, now is the time to establish the norms which are vital to a country asking to progress both economically and socially.

The cooling-off period demanded of civil servants is not meant to punish them, but rather to prevent corruption or situations in which conflicts of interest may arise. This is an especially delicate issue when very senior civil 'servants are involved, such as the director of the Antitrust Authority, whose decisions can have significant effects on the profits earned by private and public corporations.

The most egregious scenario that needs to be guarded against is one in which a senior civil servant, hoping to persuade the private sector to hire him or her to a lucrative position, consciously or subconsciously provides private companies with benefits while still in public office.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat, obviously upset that ber preferred candidate for Bezeq's top job bas been denied the position, protested that in this case, the job offer came after Turbowicz bad already announced his Israel, this is an idea whose time has come.

The decision was the correct one. It over-turned some precedents, and its timing Authority. Although this is true, it still ignores the need to establish precedents based on prin-

> Livnat and Turbowicz also tried to preempt objections to the new appointment by volunteering that Turbowicz would refrain from personally representing Bezeq before Antitrust Authority deliberations. Although this is commendable, it still leaves room for conflicts of interest. Turbowicz brings to the joh intimate knowledge of the workings of the authority, as well as personal connections and an understanding of the sort of considerations that can sway the decisions of the authority's staff. It would take extreme self-discipline for any individual to avoid making use of that information to Bezeq's benefit in any of a number of routine daily decisions.

> It has been objected that the Justice Ministryappointed committee's decision against Turbowicz will dissuade talented individuals from joining the public sector. This is unlikely. The cooling-off period is an issue only for the most senior of civil servants, and it only lasts a year, Turbowicz's salary at Bezeg, NIS 30,000 a month, is considered the lower end of the scale that successful senior civil servants can command in the corporate sector, and there are plenty of people willing to take a year off with that sort of bonus waiting for them at the end.

Critics of the decision also note that, in the past, requests for eliminating the cooling-off period were granted almost perfunctorily. But this does not necessarily mean that the practice should be continued. Israel needs and demands the confidence that its public officials are free of even the suspicion of corruption. A country cannot be run without establishing proper norms. In

Anarchy in Albania

nce again in the Balkans, the European to formulate a cohesive policy out of its former ignorance and blunders. In Albania, the signs of trouble looming for a corrupt and tottering right-wing government have been plain for all to see for months.

Virtually nobody in Europe wanted to see them. Virtually nobody wanted to imagine unless they are delivered with a big slick - or at another Balkan powder keg on the EU's doorslep. In fact, the Europeans were bappy to deal with President Sali Berisha and treat him as a model of stability and reform, even without any solid commitment (other than lip service) to the most basic norms expected of any aspiring European democracy.

Now Albania is mired in anarchy and plunging toward disaster - not that the wretched country bas far to plunge. Its unimaginative president bas been bandling public anger over failed savings scams with all the usual bankrupt and repressive cliches of a failing incompetent attacking the media, blaming imaginary "criminals" and "foreign interference," before finally sending the army against his own citizens.

Israelis will feel particular sympathy for the suffering of the Albanians. It will be recalled that the Moslem Albanians did not allow a single Jew to be killed during the Nazi occupation; indeed, the fierce mountain tribesmen made it a blood-code of bonor that Albanian and refugee Jews be sheltered and protected.

US State Department spokesman Nicholas Union has backed a wrong borse in a Burns was as disappointing as any European troubled country and is now scrabbling yesterday, when he ruled out stopping \$27 million in American aid to Tirana as "unproductive." He did say the government should "restore democracy, restore democratic rights to the opposition, restore rights to the journalists wbo are being intimidated." These are not admonitions the likes of Berisha ever beed least with the immediate withdrawal of some juicy carrots.

> Albania's European neighbors, prodded by the alarmed Italians and Greeks, now bave woken up to the possibility of a flood of refugees. Yet they knew May's elections, boycotted by the Albanian opposition, were a sham, and recognized as such in a damning report by observers of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. There was extensive election fraud, vote rigging, and intimidation, rounded off by repressive police action which drew some foreign condemnation but little real

Berisha bas lost control of the south of the country to armed and angry citizens and is resorting to even more repressive measures. The only correct measure left for bim is to quit immediately. The correct role of the European governments is to make that crystal clear, and that the Albanian opposition should be brought into an interim government to restore calm and pave the way for proper elections.

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The baron once related that he found himself sinking in a quagmire. So, be said, he ordered the hair on his head to grow - fast. His arms then grabbed his hair, hy now a meter ling, and he thus hauled himself to safety.

This proverbial narrator of false or ridiculously exaggerated tales seems to have a worthy successor in nur prime minister.

A week ago, as a result of heavy pressure from Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and other cabinet members, Binyamin Netanyahu finally decided to allow the building of Jewish housing on Har Homa. At the same time be gave the go-ahead for key Highway No. 45 running from Ben Shemen through the northern Jerusalem suburb of Givat Ze'ev, and on eastward to the settlement of Mishor Adumim in the Judean desert.

An unexpected rider to the decision: The construction of some 2,600 units for Jews on Har Homa would be balanced by 3,500 new units for Arabs in the Jerusalem

The prime minister then made a statistical mistake. He said that 78 percent of the Greater Jerusalem populace was Jewish, and the rest Arab. Perhaps he wanted to allay fears of a threat to the Jews' majority status in the area by more Arab housing being con-structed there. In fact, the correct figure is 68 percent Jews.

That more Arah housing than Jewish was to be built sounded like yet more appeasement of Arafat, putting into question Netanyahu's constantly-repeated refrain that Jerusalem would always have a Jewish majority.

Last Sunday the bulldozers stood ready to begin work on the highway. One bulldozer team was to start at Ben Shemen, another in the opposite direction from Givat Ze'ev.

But suddenly, inexplicably, the work was halted for a full week i.e. until this coming Monday.

Although no explanation was given, the reasons for the delay were clear. Netanyahu was planning to visit President Muharak in Cairo, and Mubarak was not to be

But not upsetting Hnsni Mubarak is a mission impossible. Israelis from the entire political spectrum - even President Weizman - have traveled to Cairo in serenade Mubarak, hnping to get him to fall in love with the

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But nothing will quieten Egypt's nfficial hate campaign toward Israel. If Netanyahu thinks that delaying the hulldozers for a few days will get Mubarak to embrace him like some long-lost cousin, he and his advisers are living in cloud-cuckoo-land

After further pressure from ministers who suspected that

The premier's talent for fantasy is shocking to those who understand what is at stake

Netanyahu was making every effort to stall on his many promises about starting huilding, possihly hoping that they would die of inertia, the premier finally agreed to let the road building start today. Everything is ready. By tonight, we will know whether work is under way, or whether the premier

has dithered again. Building houses is far more complex than building roads. After building authorization was granted for Har Homa, Housing Ministry surveyors prepared to set off for the site to expedite their preliminary work before foundations were laid.

Suddenly, however, Netanyahu gave orders that the planning experts could take a few days off. Again, why the delay? Said the prime minister's spokesman, "It's merely a question of a few days. There are bureaucratic and legal formalities.

Declared the prime minister in ringing and reassuring tones: "We will overcome the difficulties."

What these difficulties were, however, he didn't explain. There is still no definite date fixed for work to begin at Har Homa.

THERE is only one feasible explanation for this procrastination. Most of the delays occurred

before the controversial Likud central committee meeting. Netanyahu's promises about starting work immediately on the road and nn Har Homa were just wool pulled over the eyes of the Likud faithful, to persuade them that the prime minister could not only talk tough, but act decisively too.

Netanyahu's hour-long speech at the meeting, aimed at both the committee and TV viewers watching the 8 p.m. news, centered on his building decisions. The delays over putting those decisions into effect came only

During his speech, Netanyahu promised a bonus for Israelis who travel frequently between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv: Not only would they benefit from the new,

between

that the distance between the two cities could be covered in 22 min-Was that a cynical chuckle from the Hanover grave of Baron Munchhausen, in recognition of a fellow-master of the art of weav-

ing tall tales? As entertainment goes, it's great. But when the future of Jerusalem is at stake, this kind of play-acting hovers on the hrink of irresponsibility.

fast road; a railway line would

also be built alongside it, ensuring

The warnings of dangerous times ahead are, in any event, there for all to see.

In the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai admitted that be had no idea of the exact number of weapons being accumulat-ed in Arafat's armories, Mordechai added cautiously that there were unverified reports of anti-tank weapons in Palestinian hands, but no real evidence that he knew of.

Top intelligence specialists are convinced that on his return from the tumultuous reception accorded him by President Clinton and the US media, Yasser Arafat will threaten - and launch - violence against IDF soldiers and civilians unless Netanyahu gives him everything he wants. Har Homa and Highway 45 are flashpoints. What Israel needs in these

ilous times isn't the spellbinding imagination of a Munchhausen, It's the strength and determination of a Samson.

The writers are authors of The Mussad: Secress of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

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Point made

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Prime Minister Netanyahu's rocky tenure has been a series of moves and friends series of moves and feints in many directions. The Har Homa affair is the latest example of his indecision about where and how he wants to lead his nation.

Last fall's Hasmonean Tunnel fiasco hrought needless bloodshed and almost scuttled what was left of the peace process. The tunnel was said by many to be a wake-up call. Netanyahu was summoned to Washington and treated as an equal to the unpopular Arafat, and denied the star treatment his predecessors bad become accustomed to.

Chastened by the strong and timely intervenoon of President Clinton and King Hussein, the prime minister began the Hebron negotiations in earnest, only to encounter a newly emboldened Arafat who sensed the isolation of the Netanyahu government, and sought to exploit the new oppor-

Signing the Hebron agreement, with the overwhelming support of the Likud and the Knesset, seemed to move Netanyahu temporarily back to the pragmatic center of Israeli politics.

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Then, when the right wing began calling for a compensatory gesture in return for Israel's signing the Hebron accord. Netanyahu responded by committing his government to build a new Jewish neighborhood on Har

This time, to his credit, there was no middle-of-the-night construction. Instead, the prime minister discussed the matter with US, Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian leaders, making clear his continued commitment to the peace process, and to building housing for Palestinians.

Leaving aside the wisdom of the Har Homa decision, the threats of some Palestinian leaders to turn the episode into anoth-

Having asserted the right to build at Har Homa, Netanyahu should shelve. the project

er violent confrontation are eyen more dangerous.

When Palestinian leaders call building at Har Homa "a declaration of war" and warn that "there will be an explosion," they do a grave disservice to the cause of reconciliation we share. Such permitted to determine Israeli

Yet neither should the Israeli government turn a blind eye to the inherent dangers of sending bulldozers into Har Homa.

The cabinet decision to authorize building 2,600 housing units at Har Homa, within Jerusalem's municipal boundaries and on land. confiscated primarily from Jews, may be perfectly legal and within Israel's rights under the Oslo accords. But that does not make it wise policy.

WHAT is in question is not the legal right to build new neighborhoods, but the political wisdom of doing so. The promise to construct separate bnt equal Palestinian housing evokes great skepticism. The Har Homa project might have more credibility if Israeli government promises made over the last 29 years to huild such housing had materialized. If the prime minister feels compelled to build at Har-Homa. be must huild for both Jews and Palestinians.

Netanyahu was able to bring his coalition partners into line to support the Hehron agreement. Paying off his restless Right is dangerous and unnecessary, given strong Israeli support for the peace process. After all, the Right has no place to go, except to tring down the government of which they are a part and return Labor to

Even when Netanyahu was wrong in his ill-fated selection of Roni Bar-On as attorney general, he was able to prevail against the long odds in his cabinet. The prime minister cannot hide behind pressure from his coalition partners to justify such a wrongheaded decision as Har Homa. Now that he and his government have asserted their full legal right to huild on Har Homa and established that the government needs no foreign permission to act, the prime minister should take a Sniomonic step.

The point has been made. There

is no need to risk densiting the Peace train once again.

A politically astate move would be for Netanyahu to shelve the building of Har Home indefinitely, and expedite negotiating and implementing peace with the Palestinians.

The writer is political director of Americans for Peace Now.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT

That's Marilyn Monroe in a rather unfamiliar role: as a porn star. Proof of Marilyn's sordid past surfaced in Spain at a film festival. The grainy, six-minute black-and-white film, made in 1947, showed the Hollywood legend at the age of 21, bare-breasted and engaging in explicit sex acts.

PEACE WITH THE GOLAN

Sir, - In 1979, then-prime minister Begin made the regretful mistake when he gave all of Sinai to Egypt, and dismantled Yamit. This, together the loss of hundreds of nur soldiers in his war in Lebanon, may have caused his retreat from public life.

I fail to understand why Abba Eban (Letters, February 28) wants us to repeat that error by giving the Golan Heights to Syria, Syria launched twn wars against us from this strategically most valuable piece of land, and between wars made life hell for the Jewish settlements below the Heights. As Eban points out, the Golan

has already twice been served nn a platter (nnt his words) to the Syrian dictator, and twice he failed to make use of this opportunity. Why should Israel make this offer a third time? As long as Israeli forces are on the Golan - from

where they could shell Damascus -

AVI TURI

this frontier remains calm. Holon.

Sir, - Ever since Israel retreated to the "security zone" in South Lebanon over 10 years ago, we have been fighting a bloody war of attrition according to guidelines set hy the Hizbullah organization and their supporters.

A month ago, the helicopter cat- as the opposition, is impotent;

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR PALESTINIAN VIOLATION

Sir, - The Jerusalem Post (February 26 and 27) coverage of the Kfar Hizmeh confrontation in which one Arab was killed and two were injured missed the February 26 Palestinian Authority Ministry of Information press release which said the action: "reflects a wellorganized terrorist act by the Israelis against the peace process, it also reveals the real terrorist face of the Israeli occupation... The timing of this crime does not come by mere chance, hut marks three years since Baruch Goldstein opened fire in al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron killing 29 worshipers... The Ministry of Information warns the Israeli govemment and its settlers that their

crime will not pass quietly and that the Palestinian people has the right to defend itself and its land." Clearly this is incendiary material which is designed to stimulate acts of terrorism by Palestinians against Israelis in vinlation of the

Osio Accords. JOSEPH LERNER

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astrophe which killed 73 IDF soldiers painfully brought the problem of what to do about Lebanon to the forefront of our national agenda. However, this life and death issue is still dormant because our government, as well

FUNDS FOR REFUSENIKS

Sir, - I have just finished reading Chaim Potok's hook The Gates Of November, which is the history of the heroic and valiant struggle of the Slepaks to assert their right as Jews to leave the Soviet Union and emigrate to To think that the Slepaks and

other prisoners of Zion are now in need and that their plight falls on unhearing ears and and uncaring hearts is nothing short of astonishing and shameful. I propose that a committee be established to solicit, even if it is

only one drllar a week, from all the caring Jews around the world who supported these brave people when they were refuseniks. Let us revive the organization that helped the refuseniks in the

Soviet Union and get them in funnel funds to established accounts upon which these people would be

JUDITH HIRSCH Boca Raton, Florida.

devoid nf ideas and action. Hnw long must we wait for a decisive change in policy which will transform an ineffective defense into a productive nffense which will lead to peace?

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Hot line assists Poles who think they may be Jewish

The phone in the one-room office in a downtown building io Warsaw begins to ring every Thursday just as the sun dips into the soft gray horizon. The anonymous callers have one secret to tell.

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A generation of Poles is now entering a new age of discovery, faciog a puzzle of heritage as they piece together newly opened records with vague childhood memories. Others, listening to dying parents, are shocked by revelations of secret adoptions and well-meant lies.

A few hewildered Catholics who saw their faith as intrinsic to the struggle for a free Poland and to their Polish identity now are questioning who they are and whom they can trust. They seek plain talk from someone who will not recognize them, expose them or judge them.

They call the Jewish Confidence Line. "What Madelcine Albright found out in America is happening every day here," said Stanislaw Krajewski, head of

the Jewish Forum Foundation in Poland, a local organization that switched on the help-line four months ago.

Krajewski estimates that more than 100 people have called with questions about Jewish heritage in the 40 hours that the hot line has been taking calls. Some talk for 20 minutes. Some stay on the phone for hours. A small support group made up of callers has met three times.

"You know, there are hot lines for alcoholics, drug users, peo-ple with all kinds of problems. Of course, being Jewish is not a problem. We do not see it as a handicap. But it is an issue that some people here have difficulty dealing with," Krajewski said.

That point was driven home last Wednesday when the single surviving synagogue in Warsaw was set ablaze hy vandals in what Jewish leaders here called Poland's most flagrant act of religious destruction in 30 years. The attack came two days after a bomb threat was telephoned to a Jewish foundation next door.

President Aleksander Kwasniewski quickly con-demned what he called "an act of barbarity," inconsistent with "Polish culture, tradition of tolerance and respect toward"

places of worship. In a show of solidarity, government ministers, politicians, Protestant and Orthodox hishops and ordinary Poles trooped over to pray Wednesday night in the century-old huilding, its

foyer charred and recking. Rahhi Michael Schudrich said later that the fire - which came a week after Parliament voted to restore Jewish property taken during World War II - could cause alarm among "all those people who are discovering their

"Part of their concern is: Is it safe to be Jewish in Poland? This is not the kind of answer

we want," he said. Sentiment about Poland's once-vihrant Jewish minority reflects ambiguity. Antisemitism remains a problem in Poland and a disquieting challenge throughout Eastern Europe's democra-cies. An estimated 8,000 Icws now live in this country of 38



million. The prewar Jewish community was 3.3 million.

Since the fall of European communism in 1989, Poland's democratic governments have sought to improve ties with the Jewish community and with Israel Kwasniewski, with his eye on acceptance into Western power circles such as NATO and the European Uotoo, has been quick to denounce antisemitic incidents.

Still, a government poll released in January found nearly 25 percent of Poles surveyed to be strongly antisemitic, 56 percent to be against antisemitism and the remaining 20 percent somewhere in between.

"Antisemitism in Poland is as widespread as it is snperficial," said Konstanty Gebert, a Jewish Forum Foundation member and well-known journalist who will launch a Jewish cultural magazine in Warsaw next month.

"Living as a Jew in Poland iso't such a hig deal, particularly if you live in the city. The point is: You have to put up with stuff. You can hear some very nice people say hideous things. It is that kind of understand-

ing, and realism, that callers seek when they dial the hot line. Because the hot line is anonymous and confidential, outsiders

are not allowed to listen in. But counselors, middle-aged Poles who have known of their Jewish roots for years and have been trained to listen and advise, reconnt these stories from the last few weeks: A middle-aged woman called to say she just found out her mother was Jewish. So that means she also is Jewish, right? But she doesn't feel Jewish. What does it mean to feel Jewish?

A man said he just found out his father was Jewish.

The man is 35 and a deeply religions Christian. Does he have to change his life? Another

"What Madeleine Albright found out in America is happening every day in Poland."

man, deeply troubled, said his mother told him two secrets on her deathhed. He was not-her hiological child. He was, in fact, adopted from

a Jewish family killed in the Holocaust. How, he asked, can he cope

with these two life-changing realities, that he is adopted and Jewish?

"Talking is the first step," said one of the volunteers, psychologist Ryszarda Zachariasz. "After that, they think about what they want to do next. Maybe nothing. Maybe they want to find ont

more. Different people have different needs."

Callers are guaranteed anonymity to battle an overwhelming fear, counselors said. They are afraid of labels and

They are afraid of small extremist political groups that, even as mainstream Polish parties condemn antisemitism, remain hostile to minorities.

They are afraid, in this overwholmingly Catholic nation, of not being Polish as defined by their local priest, or not being Polish enough for politicians such as Solidarity leader Marian Krzaklewski, who, discussing the proposed constitution before Parliament this week, equated Poland's values with Christian

They are also afraid to seek out Jewish organizations on their own, Zachariasz said, afraid of the unknown. "It ents hoth ways," she said. "They think: Will they accept me? Will I be Jewish enough for them?

"In Poland, to learn that a member of your family died in concentration camps is not unusnal. Many people died. It's inconsequential," almost Zachariasz said. But callers who realize now that their families died for their Jewishness find that it "does mean something," she added.

"For them," she said, "their search for understanding becomes a way to acknowledge, and to let them live on."

(The Washington Post)

Striking at survivors

The government has decided to cut funding for Holocaust survivor groups, Elli Wohlgelernter reports

Thile the government is oegotiating with Switzerland to recover money taken from Jews in the Holocaust, it is simultaneously taking away money to help those

who survived. Last week, the two organizations that deal with Holocaust survivors, the National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support for Survivors of the Holocaust and the Secood Generation (AMCHA) and Keren Artzi, were informed by the Ministry of Finance that its hudget allocation for-1997 was being cut back.

The Health Ministry, which also provides funds to the survivor's organizations, has also cut back funding to NIS 100,000 for this year.

Danny Hanoch, a survivor of Auschwitz, Dachau and Manthausen, is naturally upset. "We are not strong, we are not demonstrating, nobody is paying attention to us because we are not a power. I'm from the youngest [survivors], and I'm already 65.

This [budget cut] is unfair. What can we do? Only cry for a little bit and that's all. This is a sin and an ugly step hy the govcrnment," he added.

The government's hudgetary allocation to the 300,000 Holocaust survivors who live here has been decreasing. In 1994, the Finance Ministry provided NIS 4 million for the two organizations, of which AMCHA received NIS 400,000; in 1996, it was cut to NIS 1.5 million, with

NIS 150,000 going to AMCHA.
"It's obscene," said Jonathan Lemberger, director of AMCHA. To cut it to zero, or very close to zero, is not only a further embarrassment, but also goes against all the pronouncements of Jewish leaders, from the prime minister on down, who are speaking about the return of Jewish assets, or Jewish property, or Jewish gold, and claiming that the needs of Holocaust survivors are at the forefront of their mind and should be addressed immediately, and should not wait for commissions and committees and investigations. It's a slap in the face to the survivors.

"Besides the money, it's a moral issue," Lemberger continues. "We feel that the State of Israel, which has the highest number of survivors, should be doing much more than it is already doing, and should at least be supporting the two organiza-tions that deal directly with survivors needs. These are the only funds in the country that are specifically for survivors. That the Israeli government shouldn't support [ns] is ridiculous." According to Health Ministry spokesman Ephraim Lahav, budgetary considerations have forced the ministry to reassess how they spend their money.

"We prefer to hay services rather than to support voluntary organizations," he said. "At the same time, the ministry is examining its policies regarding fund-

ing for these groups."

Motti Sherf, a spokesman for the Finance Ministry, hlamed the cuts on Avraham Shohat, the previous finance minister under the Labor government.

Sherf said the ministry is reassessing its priorities, and funding could be restored next

But the needs are immediate and as the survivors age their needs can only increase. Lemberger said his caseload, which currently totals about 2,000 people, has been growing 25 to 30 percent a year for the last four years. His organization can't keep up with the demands for services, which he expects to increase from 38,000 service hours in 1996 to 48,000 this year.

While AMCHA provides psychological and social support to survivors and their children,

Keren Artzi was set op as a fund to help provide for the welfare of survivors, helping them obtain eyeglasses, hearing aids, pros-thetic devices, dental care and the like. It has helped in over 10,000 cases since it was found-

ed three years ago. Yitzhak Artzi, chairman of the fund, said of the cutbacks by the government: "It's a scandal, and I'm ashamed that these are the priorities of the Israeli government."

He said that many survivors "received from the Israeli government less than they would have gotten if they had gotten their money from the German government." Of AMCHA's total annual budget of NIS 10.6 million, the government was providing only five percent. The rest, said Lemberger, comes from clients' fees, fundraising abroad and from other countries, including Austria, Germany, Holland, the EU, and from an endowment set up by the former East Germany.

Switzerland also gave a onetime grant last year to AMCHA for immediate help to survivors, which was separate from the country's current attempts to resolve the litigation over gold and property claims.

So if other countries are giving, asks Lemberger, where is Israel? We have always said this [money] is ridiculous and not enough. But when you cut that, it undermines the efforts of AMCHA to go to these governments, to the individuals, to the institutions, to the foundations, to try to fund raise for Israeli survivors."

For survivor Danny Hanoch, these budget cuts from the government are especially painful. "There are governments in the world who are providing gratis these kinds of services for first and second generations, like in Holland and Germany. If you are a Holocaust survivor [there] you are entitled to similar services given free by the government. To, take away from such an important service given to the Holocaust survivors is a very unfair step. It hurts every one of

DEAR RUTHIE

Fallen for best friend's ex-husband



friend for five years. Let me explain. I first met him through my

son who was in school with his son. I was then married, and he was divorced. Since then, I got divorced, and he moved in with a woman. In the meantime, I became close with his ex-wife. At first, I couldn't tell her that he and I had had an affair, but now I feel like a liar when I'm around her. For one thing, she tells me stories about him all of the time... and I listen eagerly. Mostly, these are complaints about his behavior towards her since the divorce regarding money and his visits with the kids. But sometimes they are even more personal - about his having been unfaithful to her when she was pregnant, for example.

Now, I see this man about once a

month (when he comes to see his kids); occasionally, we go to bed together. I am crazy about him, but

Should I continue to keep my relaactually having a real relationship with him - one which is public. As other times, though, I feel that I am being very disloyal to a woman whom I genuinely care about.

Cornered Confidence Somewhere in Israel Dear CC,

Before deciding whether to reveal your secret, you must examine two different issues.

The first is the nature of your relationship with this woman. Since your friendship developed after you became involved with her ex-husband, it may be that some form of curiosity on your part caused you to take an interest in her. Subsequently, after becoming close friends, you continued to listen to stories about the man you are in love with - unbeknownst to the teller of the tales. Ask yourself whether the main reason you spend time with this woman has more to do with her ex-busband than

The second issue with which to

Dear Ruthie, I tionship with him a secret from my friend? Sometimes I think that the love with the ex-husband of a close this to her is when (or if) I end up to continue to feel disloyal to your friend particularly if the relationship you are having with her ex-husband is an ongoing one (no matter how infrequent). If, on the other hand, you decide to

tell her about the affair, she is liable to feel hurt by your previous silence. Such a revelation might end the friendship on the spot.

Finally, if the only reason you are

contemplating coming clean is a sense your clandestine affair is about to "go public," then it makes no real difference whether you speak now or wait until later. This is because of. one sad but simple little fact: in the event that you end up actually committed to this man (i.e. married to him or living with him) your friendship with his ex-wife is bound to be doomed anyway.

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Eisenberg receives award from Germany



Israel Corporation Ltd. chairman Shoul Eisenberg was awarded the Commanders Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany last night for his contribution to Israeli-German relations. The Eisenberg Group has extensive dealings with Germany and in other countries, particularly in the Far East.

David Harris

Barak dialing consortium seeks central role

Barak, the new overseas dialling consortium, can serve as a central telecommunications point between the Middle East and the US, managing director Avi Pattir said this week. Speaking before a Hyatt Hotel dinner Barak hosted in Jerusalem for the President's Conference of Major American Jewish

Organizations, Pattir said its connections to the Global One network can offer "advanced yet affordable telecom services to all our neighbors." He noted that Israel is best suited to take advantage of the telecommunications hoom, as Israelis "love to talk" and its engineers and devlopers are a leading force in the world of inventions and new applications in the field.

Judy Siege

German nature journalists visit

Tourism is for the hirds, at least that is the hope of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), and Lufthansa, which are sponsoring a visit of eight leading German nature journalists. The journalists, who are due to arrive today, are to visit the reflooded area of the Hula Valley, the wintering place of some 14,000 cranes, and thus a possible destination for hundreds of thousands of German hirdwatchers. Also involved in the visit is Euronature, an organization which promotes ecologically sustainable tourism development and which has a special Near East project, to promote ecological cooperation between Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. Haim Shapin Haim Shapiro

COMPANY RESULTS

Elscint suffers 44% drop in net income

Elscint Ltd., a Haifa-based subsidiary of Elbit Medical Imaging, has reported a 44-percent slide in net income to \$8.1 million from \$14.5m. in 1995. Revenues rose 10% to \$311.4m. from \$281.9m. Fourth quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. from \$3.7m. Revenue for the quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. from \$3.7m. Revenue for the quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. from \$3.7m. Revenue for the quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. from \$3.7m. Revenue for the quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. from \$3.7m. Revenue for the quarter net income fell 59% to \$1.5m. ter rose 5% to \$85.3m. from \$81.1m. in the same quarter of 1995.

Elscint CEO, Jonathan Adereth attributed the drop in income to excessive spending. In particular, increased research and development expenditures, investments in new electronic systems and reorganization costs tied to the company's demerger from Elhit Ltd. caused the drop. Jennifer Friedlin

Elbit reports 26% drop in annual net profits

Elhit Systems Ltd. reported a 26% drop in annual net profits to \$18 million from \$24.4m. in 1995. Revenues for the year advanced 3% to \$307.5m. from \$299.8m. The defense contractor's fourth quarter net profits fell 11% to \$6.5m. from \$7.3m.

Revenues for the quarter jumped 32% to \$96.7m. from \$73.3m. in the same period last year. Jennifer Friedlin

Bank Leumi (UK) more than doubles net profit

Bank Leumi (UK), a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, more than doubled its net profit last year to £7.6 million from £3.25m. in 1995. Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 8% from 3.6%. The bank's shareholders equity for 1996 reached £67.68 billion.

US lawyers to sue Generali over refusal to pay Holocaust victims

By DAVID HARRIS

A US law firm is making final arrangements to sue four insurance companies, including Assicurazioni Generali, over their alleged refusal to pay out on life iosurance policies of Holocaust victims, MK Avraham Herschson (Likud) revealed yesterday. Knesset Insurance sub-commit-

tee chairman Michael Kleiner (Gesher) called on Generali to act swiftly to deal with the claims of "dozens, possibly hundreds" of families of victims toward which Generali has claimed it

has no legal ohligation.

Generali is currently finalizing terms for the purchase of Migdal Insurance from Bank Leumi for

more than \$300 million.

It is outside my jurisdiction to clarify the validity of the claims," Insurance Commissioner Doron Shorer told the sub-committee. "But it will be a disgrace if they take action in the US and we don't," said Herschon, who heads the Knesset Restitution of Jewish

Kleiner and Herschson called on the Knesset Finance Committee's legal adviser to investigate Shorer's powers. If the existing law does not give Shorer the power to act in the Generali affair, new legislation must he swiftly introduced to change his rights, MK Nissim Dahan (Shas) said. "It is unacceptable that Jewish property is ownerless while when we have a

state of our own," he added. Representing 25 families, only three of which have actual policies, lawyer Elisheva Ansbacher sold the committee she has received no concrete replies from Generali with regard to any of the policies and letters she has forwarded.

Until now Italian-hased Generali, referring to its interests in Czechoslovakia, has said it has no legal obligation hecause claims had to be made with proof of death and prior to the seizing of Generali assets hy the Czech government in the 1940s.

Eventually, Generali received



Avraham Herschson

more than \$8 million in compensation from the Czechs, hut only some 6% of that total is the pro rata value of Generali's life insurance husiness, according to company legal representative Amihud Ben-Porat

However, 10 days ago Ansbacher received a copy of a Polish document which suggests Generali was liable to pay out, not only against its assets in Poland hut from around the

Michael Kleiner

Ben-Porat yesterday accused journalists from the Italian ANSA agency of lying in their claim that the company has a five-storey warehouse in Trieste containing tens of thousands of policies, some of which must be those that have not been honored hy Generali.

Ben-Porat reminded the committee of Generali's interests in Israel, which pre-date the establishment of the state. "This is the only international [insurance] company that has showed great faith in Israel," said Ben-Porat. "The current cash deal, if payed in a lump sum, is so substantial it could lead to a revaluation of the shekel."

The insurance suh-committee is scheduled to meet again next Wednesday to reconsider the issue if Generali responds to any

of the claims during the week.

Meanwhile, Shorer used the opportunity to deny media reports that he is attempting to impede the Migdal deal by demanding the right to veto the appointment of board members. I don't know where they got this from, but it is incorrect.

Migdal, however, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that we were informed of the supervisor of insurance's difficult demands two weeks ago. The demands have resulted in a standstill in negotiations."

Ben-Porat expects the deal to be signed within the next few weeks, "hut the goodwill has been lost because of the policies

Sharansky invites reps of world's largest firms

By DAVID HARRIS

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky is to invite the heads of 14 of the world's largest multinational companies to visit Israel over the coming weeks, his ministry announced yesterday.

The as yet unnamed entrepreneurs will be encouraged to invest in development areas nationwide.

The companies will be approached via Israel's economic attaches in their home countries in the Far East, Europe and North America.

None of the companies, according to a ministry source, have existing links here and are not on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's 'shopping list" of businessmen h wants to attract this year. In order to customize the approach

to each of the multinationals, the ministry's Center for Business Promotion is compiling special reports on economic activity here and the latest developments in the fields relevant to each company. The reports will be sent in

Sharansky's name to the CEO of each of the target firms with an invitation to visit and learn first hand what Israel has to offer.

The companies being approached largely deal with hiotechnology, communications, medical equipment, electro-optics, software and environmental improvement.

At the same time, Netanyahu's office is attempting to persuade existing hig-name investors to increase their interests in Israel.

Among those on Netanyahu's list are Wall Street financier George Soros, Microsoft Corp. president Bill Gates, Itochu Corppresident Minoru Murofushi, Sara Lee Corp. chairman John Bryan, Lyonnaise des Eaux SA-CEO Jerome Monod, Siemens AG CEO Heinrich von Pierer General motors Corp. president John Smith and General Electric Co. chairman John Welch.

Protest in Hong Kong

Protesters, wearing paper-plate masks, stage a rally outside Hong Kong's Legislative Council yesterday to ask for assistance regarding properties they bought in mainland China. Some 200 buyers, claiming that property developers never completed the apartments they bought in China, also marched to the office of Chief Executive-designate Tung Chee Hwn for assistance.

Insurance agents launch PR blitz to counter penetration of market

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The Association of Insurance Agents has embarked on an advertising campaign to inform the public of the vital role agents play as consultants in the field, associatioo president Ze'ev Viner said at a press conference

Over the last few months new companies have heen trying to enter the direct insurance market following the success of Direct Insurance.

"Without an insurance agent you are never safe" is the campaign slogan. The association representatives said they support the supervisor of insurance's intention to subject agents to

proper training. In many cases, insurance companies sell standard insurance packages which do not give an

answer to customers' real needs, sultant to define and list the Viner said, explaining it is the agents' joh to advise customers on issues related to health, property and life and make sure policies meet individuals require-

The association has hired an external consultant to examine what must be included io a standard insurance policy.

The conclusions of the report will be transferred to the supervisor of insurance within two months.

The association criticized Migdal Insurance company's plans to compel automobile policy holders to use garages approved by the company in appraising auto damage.

was astonished to discover that Migdal intends to compel customers to use its garages instead of relying on qualified appraisers," Viner said.

Commenting on the different devises insurance firms require car owners to install in vehicles to preveot car thefts, Viner said the association has hired a condevices necessary for different.

types of cars. Currently, each insurance firm has its own requirements, making it complicated for car owners to move from one insurance firm to another.

The association hopes the list will be used by all insurance The association called on

Finance Minister Dan Meridor to separate the sale of complementary insurance policies from the insurance coverage health funds provide as part of the state health hasket. li is necessary to huild a

"Chinese wall" between the supplementary insurance and state insurance coverage, Viner said. In two weeks the association is

scheduled to hold its annual Bituchim conference, which this year will take place in

The conference will focus on the role of the life insurance agent in a changing market and health insurance.

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday informed the country's hoteliers that the stars which the ministry took away from the hotels exactly five years ago are to be reintroduced.

Speaking to the hiennial Hotel Association conference, Katsav told the hoteliers that after careful study he had reached the conclusion that a system of grading hotels would contribute to the tourism

He added that in contrast to the past, when the grading was carried out hy the ministry, this time it would be done hy an independent evaluator.

"I don't say that the Tourism Ministry will do it. We will probahly take an outside agency,"

The star system had been abolished following complaints that hotels retained their stars, often as a result of political or other pressure, even after the level of service

Hotels to get their stars back

and physical upkeep deteriorated. Those favoring the system have pointed out that foreign tour organizers and their clients need an objective scale to know the level of

However, many of the hoteliers were less than happy with Katsav's announcement. Raphael Farber, a former ministry director-general and president of Days Inn Israel, said the decision was impractical, since no local agency was qualified to grade the hotels and no foreign body would carry out the dayto-day supervision necessary to

make the system work properly. He also argued that it contravened the free market principles of

Jordan Central takes over **Amman Investment Bank**

AMMAN (Reuter) - Jordan's Central Bank has taken control of troubled Amman Investment Bank to help restore its finances ahead of an anticipated takeover hy another bank, bankers said this week.

Banking sources said a sevenman committee headed by senior Central Bank official Ahmad Abdel-Faitah was now charged with the day-to-day supervision and management of the hank.

The decision, which was taken in a board meeting of the Central Bank over the weekend effectively puts the lossmaking hark, one of Jordan's six investment hanks, under its

"Jordan Central Bank hoard has decided under its decision taken on March I to appoint a committee headed hy Ahmad Abdel-Fattah, the assistant governor, with the committee enjoy-ing full jurisdiction in supervision over the bank and its management," a Central Bank document seen by Reuters said.

Amman Investment Bank. whose total assets stood at 111.1 million dinars (\$157 million) at the end of 1995, has accumulated losses which stood at 32 million dinars according to latest published statements.

Bankers say the losses include doubtful loans of 23.3 million dinars, out of a total 63 million dinar loan portfolio.

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Shares close higher

Mishtanim **255.82 ▲ 0.81**% **263.3** ▲ 0.10%

By ROBERT DANIEL

Stocks closed higher yesterday, following the rise on Wall Street of Teva

Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Elbit Systems Ltd., which trade both in Tel Aviv and New York.

The shekel weakened against the dollar, potentially helping Israel's exporters.

State-controlled telecom-services company Bezeq dropped

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INVESTMENTS

1.75 percent to NIS 8.51, hold-

ing back the Maof Index.
"New York is still strong" for the Israeli shares, even after the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1% on Tuesday, said Debra Kodish, an analyst at Zannex Securities in Ramat Gan. Kodish said Israeli compa nies'earnings season starts in earnest now and she's looking for bank stocks to be particularly

The Mishtanim Index of 100 most-traded issues rose 0.81% to 255.82, while the Maof Index of 25 top stocks rose 0.1% to 263.38. In the broad market,

nearly nine issues rose for every

one that fell. The Maof and Mishtanim reached their respective life highs of 277.73 and 270.57 on

February 18. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 106.8m. of shares traded.

That's about even with themonth's daily average of NIS 106.1m. and 33% below the year's average of NIS 159m.

Among the arbitrage issues, Teva, which accounts for 9.5% of the Maof, rose 2% to NIS

(Bloomberg)

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

European bourses score records

LONDON (Reuter) - Major European bourses hit record levels yesterday, after US central bank head Alan Greenspan soothed investors' worst fears for now, before closing below their highest levels for the day.

The London and Paris stock markets rebounded to scale new peaks after Greenspan, who has spooked investors on various occasions with warning comments, again denied he was trying to talk Wall Street down. He said current share price levels could be justified if earnings fore-

casts were right.

German shares rose further in after-hours electronic trading to add to a record close in earlier floor trade, aided by a steady dollar, good

news for exporters. "There are some decent volumes there and the greenback is helping, especially with the exporters. The slogan at the moment seems to be - enjoy it and let the cash roll in," said Josh Waiblinger of equity sales at BHF Bank in Frankfurt.

Gold slid to end London trading below \$353, down around \$7 on the day, on news of Swiss plans to sell gold from reserves to finance a fund for Holocaust victims and others.

Bullion analysts said the amount involved was unlikely to be large compared with overall market turnover but the news added to the pressure on gold.

Concern that central banks would sell gold to help meet the economic criteria for joining European economic and monetary union had dented the gold price in past

The London stock market, Europe's busiest, had opened lower after a 66-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average overnight and some disappointing corporate

Greenspan's reassuring comments later helped it climb into previously uncharted territory although weaker bond prices then brought it down from its highs.

French shares also recovered from early losses to hit a record close but were below an earlier historic high scored after a rally underpinned by dollar strength and the rise on Wall Street, dealers said.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stocks rise as Greenspan eases market fears

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks closed sharply higher yesterday after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's latest comments seemed to ease fears the central bank might be planning some action to slow the stock mar-

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 93.13 points, or 1.36 percent, at 6,945.85. In the broader market, advancing issues beat declines 15-9 on active volume of 531 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Imperious United sweeps Porto aside

Manchester United virtually guaranteed themselves a place in the European Cup semifinals for the first time since 1969 when they imperiously crushed Porto 4-0 in the first leg of their quarter-final last United's outstanding performance

was highlighted by goals from David May (22nd). Eric Cantona (34th), Ryan Giggs (61st) and Andy Cole (80th) and evoked memories nf their greatest victory which came in the 1968 European Cup final against Porto's Portuguese rivals Benfica.

Porto, who had won all three away matches in the Champions' League phase of the competition, were simply nverwhelmed for much of the match.

The first goal came when David Beckham's long cross was headed on by Gary Pallister. Goalkeeper Hilario failed to hold the ball and May swept it home from close range.

The nutstanding Cantona made it two when he took advantage of a mistake by Alnisio to lash the ball under Hilario's body from 12 metres and Giggs completed the 21-yearnld goalkeeper's personal night-mare when he failed to stop a shot from Giggs squeezing past him on his near post.

Cantona was the provider for Cole to score United's fourth.

Cup holders Juventus were held to a 1-1 draw by the Norwegian part-timers of Rosenborg in Trondheim.

The Italian league leaders, badly hit by injuries and lonking sluggish

Games movement until 2001.

in brief

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (Reuter) - Juan Antonio Samaranch,

who has turned the Olympics from a troubled sporting showpiece

into a hillion-dollar business, wants the most powerful job in the

Samaranch, who turns 77 in July, announced yesterday that he

Committee (IOC) president later this year and bid for a fourth term

If he wins, the Spaniard, who has a reputation as a diplomat as

But Samaranch, who has a chance to continue at his age only

the last time at an Olympic Games in Sydney in the year 2000.

BERGEN, Norway (Reuter) - Liverpool continue their campaign to join the elite band of teams to win all three European soc-

cer competitions when they travel to Norwegian outsiders Brann Bergen in the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup today

The four-times European champions and double UEFA Cup win-

ners hope to join Juventus, Barcelona, Ajax and Bayem Munich in

an exclusive club and lonk to have the ideal draw to progress. The

part-timers of Brann have not played a competitive match since

October. They have spent the last two months training in warmer

areas of Europe, most recently in Spain where they played against

Lasorda, Fox, Wells elected to Hall of Fame

TAMPA (Reuter) - Tommy Lasorda, Nellic Fox and Negro

League star Willie Wells were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame

The Veterans Committee, a 15-man panel of former players, exec-

utives and media members, voted in the colorful former manager of

The 69-year-old Lasorda, who stepped down as manager of the

record in 20 seasons and led Los Angeles to four National League

teams and totalled 2,663 hits in a 19-year career that ended in 1965.

the Dodgers, the gritty Chicago White Sox second baseman and

Dodgers due to health reasons last year, compiled a 1599-1439

Fix, a standout second baseman who also played fir the

Philadelphia Athletics and Houston, was named to 10 All-Star

because his Latin allies in the organization managed to force a vote to raise the IOC age limit in 1995, said he would be in charge for

well as a shrewd businessman, has the chance to complete 21

would stand again for re-election as International Olympic

in one of the most significant positions in sport.

years in office after taking over the job in 1980.

Liverpool on course to join elite

Spanish first and second division sides.

yesterday by the Veterans Committee.

shortstop Wells during its annual meeting.

pennants and two World Series titles.

Samaranch plans to continue until 2001



Mr. DEPENDABLE - Manchester United captain Eric Cantona shoots past Porto defender Pauliho Santos to score United's second goal at Old Trafford last night.

in the freezing Norwegian night, were unable to put on a convincing performance as they struggled with a physically powerful Rosenborg who continue to surprise in this

year's competition. In the two other quarterfinal first legs, Borussia Dortmund of

Germany beat Auxerre of France 3-

1. Karlheinz Riedle (12), Rene

Schneider (54), Andreas Moeller (82) scored for the home team. Auxerre's goal was scored by Sabri Lamouchi (75).

Ajax Amsterdam and Atletico

Madrid drew 1-1 in Amsterdam. Patrick Kluivert equalized for the bosts in the 53rd minute after Juan Esnaider scored for Atleticn in the

UEFA Cup semifinals

LONDON (Reuter) - French league leaders Monaco took a giant step towards the semifinals of the UEFA Cup on Tuesday night when they outplayed Newcastle at St James' Park to win 1-0 in a quarter-

Internazionale, chasing their third UEFA Cup title in seven seasons, also scored a vital away goal at Anderlecht to draw 1-1 after trailing for most of the

In the other two quarter-finals Spain's UEFA Cup representatives both lost. Valencia went down 2-0 at

Monaco's victory, their fourth in their four away UEFA Cup ties this season, came courtesy of a goal from striker "Sonny" Anderson just before the hour.

Teenager Thierry Henry scampered free on the right, carried the ball to the by-line and cut it back to the Brazilian who lashed a first-time shot past two Newcastle defenders and goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. Newcastle, missing their injured £23 million strikeforce of Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand as well as

eases 'Boro's woes

LONDON (Reuter) - Fabrizip

Rayanelli scored a second-half hat-

trick as Middlesbrough put their

well-publicised troubles to one side

and hammered Derby 6-1 in the

English premier league last night.

Ravanelli struck in the 54th, 82nd

and 85th minutes as 'Boro claimed

their biggest league win of the season.

Boro remained bottom of the

table, however, three points behind

Southampton, who clawed their

way back from 2-0 down to draw

2-2 against Everion at the Lett.
Last night's other results: Chelseal,
Blackburn 1; Leicester 1, Aston Villa 0;
Nottingham Forest 0, Sheffield Wednesday
3; Southampton 2, Everton 2. Division one:
Manchester City 1, Portsmouth 1; Stoke 3,
Grimsby 1; West Bromwich 4, Southend 0.

SCOREBOARD

NHL - Tuesday's results: Tampa Bay 6, NY Islanders 3; New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1; Washington 2, Calgary 1; Edmonton 4, Los

2-2 against Everton at the Dell.

ated few real chances to cheer manager Kenny

vage a hard-fought draw at Anderlecht, UEFA Cup winners in 1983. Belgian international Bruno Versavel put the home side ahead in the 27th minute with an unstoppable

Inter will now be favorites to progress to the semifinals of the competition they won in 1991 and 1994. Schalke marched towards their first European semifinal in 27 years thanks to goals from defender Thomas Linke and Belgian striker Marc Wilmots in their 2-0 defeat of four times Spanish champions

And Brondby, who won 5-0 at Germany's Karlsruhe in the last round after losing 3-1 in Denmark, again proved they travel well by winning 1-0 in Tenerife, Ebbe Sand scoring their valuable

Second leg ties are due to be played on March 18.

Dalglish on his 46th birthday. In Belgium, Inter equalized 15 minutes from time through second-half substitute Maurizio Ganz to sal-

half volley from just outside the penalty area before Ganz levelled the scores.

Monaco takes giant leap toward

final first leg tie.

Schalke of Germany while Tenerife lost 1-0 to Brondby in the Canary Islands.

suspended Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla, cre-

SEATTLE (AP) - Anfernce

under new coach Richie lost only three games last season.

Pacers 98, Celtics 95 In Indianapolis, Mark Jackson's

Reggie Miller had 29 points, 16 rebounds and Jackson had 12 points and 13 assists. Indiana has

After Jackson made two more bled the ball on the inbounds pass and Eric Williams' wild shot was way off at the buzzer.

with 6:16 to play when Ewing headed to the lockeroom to be treated for a bruised right knee he suffered in a collision with Sherman

Milwaukee scored the next 15 points, including seven by Ray Allen and six by Glenn Robinson, before Larry Johnson converted a three-point play for an 88-84 lead with 1:28 left.

center hit one of two foul shots for a 89-86 lead with 51 seconds lcft. Robinson missed a 3-pointer to tic it and John Starks hit two foul

In Dallas, Nick Van Exel scored losing streak of the season. Van Exel went 8-for-15 from

own franchise mark for treys set once Elden Campbell added 22 points who improved to 4-6 since center

Shaquille O'Neal suffered a byperextended left knee on Feb. 12.

March madness hits Maccabi TA

Game 1 of best-of-three Final 16 series against Efes Pilsen tips off at 6 p.m.

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Back in 1992, few could imagine that when Doron Jamchee slipped to the floor instead of gctting off a last-second shot which could bave given the Israelis a victory over Estudiantes Madrid in the third and decisive game of the quarterfinal series that it would mark the end of Maccabi Tel Aviv's era as a prominent European basketball power.

That era - a 15-year-period during which the blue and yellow won two European titles, went to the championship game five other times and made an additional trip to the Final Four - was followed by a four-year drought.

Tonight in Istanbul against Efes Pilsen, however, Maccabi plays in the championships this late in the season for the first time since that ill-fated 1992 series, intent on continuing the path to reclaiming a spot as an elite club.

Game 2 in the Final 16 matchup will be on Tuesday at Yad Eliahu, followed by a return trip to Istanbul next Thursday if a deciding contest is needed.

Back in the golden era, the only time Maccabi faced Turkish teams was as a pushover in the preliminary rounds en route to the final pool.

It has already been a few seasons now since Efes Pilsen emerged on the European scene as a power to be reckoned with. However, the team's success in the Euro League has never translated into more than an appearance in the quarterfinals, and Efes Pilsen is intent on becoming the first Turkish club to reach the Final Four,

The team has certainly shown it is one of Europe's best this season, finishing 12-4 in the final pool and earning one of the four first-place

It has been particularly difficult on its home court, winning all eight contests in Istanbul.

But in 1993/94, its first appear-

also finished first in its group but proceeded to lose to Barcelona in the best-of-three quarterfinals. despite the home-court advantage. The following year it just missed out on the quarterfinals and last season did not qualify for the main tournament, although it did capture the lesser Korac Cup with a victory over Stefanel Milan in the final. The club consolidated its sturdy

base during the off season by bringing in CSKA guard Vassilij Karassev, who has become the Turks' main three-point threat at 49.2 percent. His scoring average of 13.6 is second on the team behind the team's most complete player, star point guard Petar Naumoski.

Naumoski is fifth in the Euro League with a 21.3 scoring average, dishes out 4.7 assists and has 2.5 steals a contest.

He is also an outside threat and has an 88% accuracy rate from the free-throw line, where he averages a team-high 6.8 attempts a game. (Oded Katash goes to the line the most for Maccabi with only four attempts per contest).

Mirsad Turkcan and Ufuk Sarica are two other-key players who score in double figures for the Turks.

For Maccabi, everyone is fit, a welcome relief from the injury problems that have hampered consistent play from the Israelis dur-ing the final pool.

Maccabi clearly faces a major challenge, as it has not won on the road since defeating Stefancl Milan back in November.

Everyone will have to contribute and players such as Randy White - who has scored an impressive 23 points a game on 56.6% shooting from the field in the last three home contests but only 16 points a game on 37.7% shooting in the past three road games - will have to have a big series in Istanbul if Maccabi hopes to advance.

The game is scheduled to be broadcast live on Channel 1 starting at 6 p.m.

ance in the final pool, Efes Pilsen

Maccabi Tel Aviv's European statistics						
rec	Scoring	Minutes per game	2-point shooting	3-point shooting	Throws	
dy White	15.4	30.8	55.5% (91-164)	36.0% (9-25)	66.7%(38-57)	
k Johnson	14.3	35.3	52.8%(86-163)	15.3%(2-15)	74.0% (37.50)	
on Sheffer	11.8	29.3	49.5% (53-107)	46.2% (18-39)	77.8% (28-36)	
d Katash	10.1	24.8	28.8% (17-59)	37.7% (23-31)	90,6% (58 64)	
lav Henefeld	7.4	30.2	50.6% (40-79)	50.0% (6-12)	63396 (21-83)	
d Leaf	7.3	18.2	42.5% (20-47)	46,7% (7-15)		
co Radovic	5.0	14.1	50.0% (18-36)	23.5% (4-17)	100% (34-34) 56.7% (47-80)	
rick Sharp	4.3	17.3	54.5% (12-22)	25.9% (7-27)	88.2% (15-17)	
stantin Popa	3.9	10.9	51.1% (23-45)	0% (0-0)	81,3% (13-18)	
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Betar's appeal against IFA punishment fails

By DEREK FATTAL

Teddy Stadium is usually a cauldron of noise for Bctar Jerusalem's home games. This weekend's National League match against Zafririm Hnlon will prove an exception that the club will be longing to forget as it will be played behind closed doors.

This follows yesterday's rejection by the IFA's supreme tribunal of the club's appeal against the punishment meted out previously by the IFA's disciplinary court in response to crowd disturbances at the end of last month's game against Hapoel Beersheba.

The appeal court also affirmed the NIS 30.000 fine imposed by the lower tribunal.

At yesterday's hearing, the court made one concession to Betar. modifying the terms of the conditional sentence imposed. The club now risks an additional match being played without spectators. This takes the place of a suspended three-point deduction that stood to be activated in the event of further disorder by the club's fans this sea-

Betar chairman Moshe Dadash made no bones about the appeal result yesterday, saying that the ban on supporters for the Holon game would cost the club around NIS 400,000 in lost revenues, and that this was "totally dispropertionate '

Dadash remained adamant that the league leader was doing its best to control a small extremisi band of so-called "fans," and said, "it is the job of the police to control crowd unrest. We have given them our fullcooperation, and have always

obeyed their requirements."... In other news, Israel international center-half Gadi Brumer is serio fly to England early next week for a trial with Manchester United The Premiership leaders have been interested in Brumer for over a year, and if he impresses might seek to close a deal before the Premier League's March 20th

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Ravanelli hat-trick Sonics outscore Magic The Knicks were leading 85-69

Hardaway, after being held score-less in the first half, had 26 points in the second half to lead the Orlando Magic to a 101-89 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

Rony Seikaly and Gerald Wilkins had 18 points each Tuesday night for the Magic, who improved to 7-Adubato. The loss dropped the Sonics to 22-8 at home, where they

The Magic, who had lost to the Snnics in Orlando on Sunday. handed the Pacific Division leaders only their second loss since the All-Star break.

six straight free throws in the final minute helped Indiana beat Boston 98-95. Dalc Davis added 20 points and

won four straight games - all at home - and is 4-2 since Jackson was re-acquired from Denver. foul sbots, Buston had three seconds in score. But the Celtics fum-

Knicks 93, Bucks 86 In New York, the Knicks had a scare when Patrick Ewing injured his knee, but he returned and New York held nff a late charge by Milwaukee to secure a 93-86 win. Douglas late in the third quarter.

Ewing returned at that point and. after Vin Baker's jumper pulled the Bucks to 88-86, the All-Star

shots with 9.6 seconds left. Lakers 102, Mavericks 92 a season-high 37 points and tied his club record with cight 3-pointers as Los Angeles won 102-92 and avnided its first three-game

behind the 3-point line, matching his this season and once last season. and 10 rebounds for the Lakers,

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transfer deadline comes into effect. Athens, Rome, Buenos Aires among 2004 Games favorites

LAUSANNE (Reuter) - Olympic chiefs start drawing up their shortlist of candidates to host the 2004 Olympics today in a decision which is likely to interest stockbrokers, builders and airline chiefs as much as sports fans - especially in favorite cities such as Athens, Rome and Buenos

The 11 cities hoping to stage the Summer Games will present their bids to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) before officials throw out the weakest on Friday and name the four, or probably five, candidates who will go forward to

Staging an Olympics can have a major effect on a country's economy. As well as the obvious stadiums and sporting facilities, often a whole new infrastructure has to be built.

Sponsorships deals worth millions of dollars are there to be made. Stock and currency markets can move on the decision. It looks as though the business community of Athens, Rome, Buenos Aires, Cape Town and Stockholm will stay in the running to cash in on

The other candidates - Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan, Seville and St Petersburg - are likely to leave Lausanne feeling disappointed after spending a great deal of money on promot-An IOC delegation led by Germany's former fencing Olympic champion Thomas Bach has

visited all the bidding cities in the last six months and produced an evaluation report on their strengths and weaknesses. The report will play a huge role in the decision of the selection college who have to choose a minimum four candidates but can add a fifth. But

politics is just as important. Rome, Athens and Stockholm are regarded as having the strongest technical bids as far as their facilities and organization are concerned although the Greek city has airport access problems and

Stockholm faces some local opposition. After its rejection in favor of Atlanta for the 1996 Games, Athens has returned with a stronger bid, based less on "historical right" than the ability to provide a high quality event in Europe for the first time in 12 years.

Buenos Aires will probably be histed to satisfy South American interests with Cape Town doing

the same for Africa. Neither continent has previously hosted the Games but South Africa's crime problem is seen as a major disadvantage and Cape Town appears

a long shot at this stage.

Istanbul officials seem to have resigned themselves to defeat - earlier this week they condemned the selection procedure as undemocratic Eagerly awaiting the outcome are the world's money men.

in December the organizers of the 2000 Games in Sydney announced a list of 17 international and Australian firms who will provide sponsor-

ship worth more than \$392 million The day after the IOC evaluation committee's report was published in February construction shares led an advance on the Athers bourse because it was felt the city would stay in the run-

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

FESTIVAL HELEN KAYE

The week-long Orot Habama (Stage Lights) festival is proof that the performing arts; including fringe, are alive and well and based in the capital. Choose your preference from dance, music, theater, and combina-tions of all three. The week starts with G is U2, Amir Kolben's take on the classical ballet Giselle performed by his Kombina company on Saturday at Gerard Behar at 9 p.m.

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DANCE

HELEN KAYE

Flamenco Days at Suzanne Dellal stars our own flamenco virtuoso Baldy Olier and Spain's Pace Ibanez in a program of music and song on the mainstage, tonight at 8:30 with a repeat tomorrow at 10 p.m. And at 10:30 tonight there's Eyal Zayid's documentary on last year's festival. It repeats on Saturday at 1 p.m. This is the third festival under the auspices of the Adi Foundation which also sponsors the flamenco competition, featuring eight semifinalists competing for the prize of a summer flamenco course in Spain. Three will make it to the gala final on Saturday at 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

HELEN KAYE

With a female twist in honor of International Women's Day on Samrday, The Womens Fetival Holon offers a wealth of arts programs from tomorrow and through next Saturday at the Holon Theater. The weekend includes Margalit Tsanani (tomorrow, 11 a.m, the Big Hall; Bella Donna gospel choir (tomorrow, 11 p.m., Tmuna Hall), and Larger than Life from the Tmuna Theater, on its own stage tomorrow at 9 p.m. (Hebrew).

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Tokyo String Quartet arrives here for two concerts, performing Saturday at the Jerusalem International Convention Centre and Sunday at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. The program comprises Schubert's Death and the Maiden, Brahms' First Quartet and Beethoven's Second Quartet. (8:30)

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The Tokyo String Quartet plays in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv (Christian Steiner)

The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba presents an evening of Slavic opera highlights with Uri Mayer conducting selections from Smetana's Bartered Bride, Dvorak's Rusalka and Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. With soprano Larisa Tatuev and tenor Evgeny Shapovalov. Saturday and next Monday in Beersheba, March 11 in Arad, March 13 in Beit Gabriel and March 16 in Dimona (8:30).

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***1/2 WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO & JULIET - Purists may be put off by the zany pop art sparkle and flash of this movie, a tremendously energetic and calculatedly "low" modern-dress version of the tragedy. This will be their loss. By emphasizing the sexy, violent and even silly aspects of the classic, Australian director Baz (Strictly Ballroom) Luhrmann makes the play fresb for adults and accessible to MTV-fed teenagers who may be encountering Shakespeare for the first time. What's more impressive still, he hasn't sacrificed much of the bard's language in the process. Never mind that Mercutio is a black, pillpeddling drag queen, or that the famous balcony scene takes place in a swimming pool, the highschool-aged lovers (pouty Leonardo DiCaprio and poised Claire Danes) speak their iambic pentameters with terrific conviction and feeling. One may sense that the bright colors and hip, rock soundtrack are merely a clever way to draw young viewers to the theater. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)

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Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs

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(rpt) 14:55 New in the Cinema 15:05 The Grand Baby (1983) - an orphaned boy moves in with his grandmother and proves to be an important addition to the family (110

■ ITV 3 (33)

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7:00 TV Shop

14:30 The 700 Club 15:00 Gospel Bill 15:30 Movie:

21:15 Little Buddha (1993) — the parallel stories of a Tibetan monk who believes an American boy from Seattle to be the reincarnation of his own mentor, and of Prince Siddhartha, the original Buddha who lived 2,500 years ago. With Keanu Reeves. Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci (140 mins.)

15:30 All Together 6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Nils Holgersson 9:30 The Center of Now 13:00 Tales of Life Things 9:45 Pink Panther 18:00 Destinos 18:30 Art Workshop 19:00 World War I – CBS documentary 10:00 The Center of Things 10:20 Mirror, Mirror 11:05 Welcome, 19:30 Vis à Vis 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Star Trek: The 11:35 Cream with Michal Yanai 12:20 Twisted Tales of Felix 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Make Believe 22:00 Seventy Faces 22:30 Equinox

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ning drama about the relationship between the writer T.S. Eliot and his neurotic British wife. With Willem Daloe and Mirand Richardson (120 mins.) 00:05 Ruby Cairo

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17:00 Homes and Gardens: Art and Practice of Gardening 17:30 Interiors by Design 18:00 MSNBC - The

19:00 National Geographic Television 19:30 The Ticket 20:30 VIP 21:00 Dateline 22:00 NBC Super Sports 22:30 Gillette World

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VOICE OF MUSIC 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Mozart Symphony no 36 (Vienna PO/Bernstein):

Brahms: Sonta in E flat for viola and piano op 120/2; Brahms, orch, Schoenberg Piano quartet in G minor op 25 (Vienna PO/Von Dohnanyi); Tchaikovsky: Piano

concerto no 1 (Argerich/Berlin PO/Abbado); Moshe Weinberg: Symphony no 16 12:00 Noon with

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Mahler: Symphony no 5 (Vienna PO/Boulez); lastminute acquisitions 20:05 From the Recording Studio -Avihai Omoy (flute), Michael Abramoviich (piano), Bach: Sonata no 1 in B minor; Dutilleux: Sonatina for

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NEWS

Murdered Jaffa informant buried

Thousands of Jaffa residents and police officers attended the funeral yesterday of former police informant Solomon Mashrawi, 45, who was shot to death in his car in Jaffa late

Shortly after his murder, police arrested four Jaffa residents who had argued with Mashrawi earlier that day, but released them yesterday. Police said he had made many enemies in his efforts to rid his Jaffa neighborhood of drugs. In a previous attempt on his life, a grenade was thrown at his bome.

Several years ago, Mashrawi spent 1g months in jail on suspicion of murder. He was later released. Numerous police files also were opened against him, but all were closed due to lack of evidence or public interest.

Reserve duty eased for students

University studeots performing reserve duty will enjoy shorter appeal procedures to be exempted from a call-up, partial funding, tutoring and other benefits, the IDF announced. The changes, decided upon at a meeting yesterday with university heads, are aimed at easing the burden of reserve dury. A list of the benefits, which take effect with the next school year, is to be Jerusalem Post Staff

Group calls for Klingberg's release

The Public Committee against Torture in Israel yesterday called on Presideot Ezer Weizman to release on humanitarian grounds Marcus Klingberg, who was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment in the early 1980s for spying for the former Soviet

"If he were younger and healthier, he would be released, in the end, from jail," the group wrote in a letter, ooting Klingberg's age and failing health.

Fulbright to honor Rabin

A \$50,000 annual Fulbright Scholarship has been established to honor the memory of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the United States-Israel Education Foundation (USIEF) announced yesterday. The award will enable a distinguished scholar or professional to research and lecture in the US in areas that exemplify Rabin's legacy, according to USIEF director Rene Jerusalem Post Staff

Haifa Chemicals workers reject compromise pact

By DAVID RUDGE

The future of the giant Haifa Chemicals factory was once again in doubt yesterday, after the works committee rejected an agreement reached after marathon talks between management and senior Histadrut officials.

Angry workers at a mass meeting at the plant, which has been closed for nearly five months, accused the Histadrut of selling

They charged that the agreement, aimed at ending the long-running labor dispute, was a complete capitulation to the demands of management.

"I would prefer to be out of work than work under the conditions of this agreement," said one of the employees.

"It means that some of the workers will retire and others will be sacked, without knowing what they will receive in terms of compensation, while those that remain will have to take a tremendous cut in salary," said the worker.

On top of all of that there is a clause in this agreement which will allow management to cancel it after six months, should it so desire. It's a travesty of justice, and at best a bad joke," he added.

The workers overturned chairs and tables, and two of the employees had to be taken outside to recuperate after being overcome by

their emotions during the meeting. Under the agreement, 60 out of the firm's 500 workers would take early retirement, another 55 would be fired with preferential redundancy payments, and 20 would move onto personal contracts. The remainder would be expected to

take salary cuts of up to 17 per-

Works committee chairman David Raviv ripped up the agreement on the stage in front of the not what they had been fighting for, while protesters accused the Histadrut officials of being traitors.

Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch, vowed that the Histadrut would oot sign any agreement with management without the approval of the workers.

A spokesman for management said that despite the works committee's rejection of the accord, they hoped that "common sense would prevail and the agreement would be signed."

Members of the works committee met with Histadrut officials last night in an effort to resolve the points which they want to

If no agreement is achieved, however, there is a possibility that the owner of the company. American-based businessman Arye Genger, could decide to close

Bar-On investigators plan next moves

BAR-ON

By LIAT COLLINS and Jerusalem Post Staff

Investigators probing the Bar-On Affair held what was supposed to have been a secret meeting last night with the state attorney and her aides at the Neveh Ilan resort outside Jerusalem. The conference, which soon became known to the media, aimed to sum up the progress of the investigation and indicate its next steps.

The team expects to complete questioning those involved by the

middle of next week. One person who may be requestioned is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Knesset Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) was questioned yesterday. At the end of the interview, which took place in Yahalom's Knesset office, the investigator said he had answered all questions.

Yahalom told reporters nothing new had been said. "The affair is very serious from the view of good government and any way you look at it, it is a stain on Israeli history," he said. He repeated that he does not

know whether there was any criminal deal involved and said in the past he had only quoted radio

reports - which were denied by other NRP ministers - which said there had been such a deal.

Yahalom said he has no doubt that Shas leader Aryeh Deri had beeo involved in the appointment of Roni Bar-On, but he "does not know if it was a criminal involvement or just improper behavior."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi was forced to answer a parliamentary question yesterday on whether Supreme-Court President Aharon Barak had blessed the appointment of Bar-On, as Hanegbi had implied to the cabinet. The question, posed by MK. Nissim Dahan (Shas), received a one word response from the minister: "No."

This week former Supreme

Court justice Tsevi Tal was questioned by the team regarding a Shas claim that he had been their candidate for the post of attorneygeneral. Tal denied Shas had offered him the position.

Investigators yesterday also questioned Globes reporter Yoav Yitzhak, who published the protocol of the cabinet meeting at which Bar-On was appointed attorney-general. Yitzhak refused to reveal his source for the proto-

Meanwhile, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said vesterday that, "According to my gut feeling, there will be no earthquake as a result of the investigation into the Bar-On appoint-

tors. This could lead to the fall of the govern-

we don't understand anything?

Heshin (losing his patience): "Do you think

In another court case related to the Bar-On

Affair, the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yester-

day rejected a petition by Channel 2 demand-

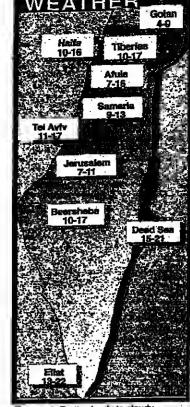
ing that the state make public all of the procedures that led up to the questioning of attorney Dan-Avi Yitzhak., who represented Shas MK Aryeb Deri in his fraud trial.

Judge Dan Arbel said "he could not allow the

publication of the procedures that preceded the

[questioning] except for the fact that the dis-

cussions related in part to the question of



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AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

The winning cards in yester-day's daily Mifal Hapayis Chance draw were the ace of spades, nine of hearts, eight of diamonds and

Hammer asks UN to give legal status to Jewish cultural property

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - The United Nations' Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) is considering granting international legal status to Jewish cultural property around the world, in order to avoid negligence, destruction or theft.

The idea was brought up by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer during a meeting here with UNESCO Secretary-General Federico Mayor. Hammer, wbo yesterday ended an unofficial visit to France, asked Mayor to recognize Jewish beritage - synagogues, cemeteries and Judaica as part of the world's cultural patrimony, so it will benefit from international legal protection and all governments will be obliged to protect Jewish heritage on their soil. Such protection already has been given by UNESCO to Moslem cultural beritage around

the world. Mayor responded very positive-ly to Hammer's proposition, and asked the Israeli government - as the representative of the Jewish people - to prepare an inventory of the patrimony in question.

Hammer told journalists that to prepare such an inventory Israel will need funding from the Diaspora, as well as detailed information about Jewish heritage, mainly in countries where there are no longer Jewish communities. One of the biggest collections of Jewish property is in Prague, were the Nazis concentrated tens of

thousands of objects, which were

to be exhibited in a Jewish muse-

um once all Jews were exterminat-This treasure was kept by Czech authorities, who only recently realized the value of the collection. In order to avoid the sale of this treasure, Mayor proposed that Israel and the Czech Republic establish a museum dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust vic-

Court rejects petition against police

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition demanding the suspension of the police team investigating the Bar-On Affair ou the grounds that they had leaked information. The court also ordered the petitioner, Kfar Sava lawyer On Neiman, to pay NIS 10,000 m court costs, saying the petition had been an "act

Justices Mishael Cheshin, Tova Strasberg-Cohen and Dalia Dorner repeatedly chided the petitioner for his charges, without mincing

Neiman said it was clear to all that details about the questioning under caution of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu were leaked, and it must have come from the police.

The leak had drastic results: the whole world heard about it via the media, the stock exchange fell and Israel's foreign relations may be affected, he said.

Neiman said he had demanded that the attorney-general open an investigation into the leaks "within 24 hours," like the investigation into the leaks over the cabinet protocol. "I requested a criminal investigation," which carries a three-year sentence for those found guilty, "and not that he suspend the police-men," Neiman said. "I turned to the High Court only after the attorney-general did not respond within 48 hours."

Why did you not wait for the attorney-general to act? Are there no other processes other than the High Court? You seem to want to jump over all the burdles at once," Strassberg-Cohen asked advocate Tsvi Sa'ar, representing Neiman.

Sa'ar, "It was so urgent..."
Strassberg-Cohen: "One gets the impression ou want to stop the police investigaton [of the Bar-On Affair].

Sa'ar: "The prime minister ordered the investigation so he clearly didn't leak it. We are talking about only three of the 20 police investiga-

whether Avi-Yitzhak should or could give testimouy about bis discussions with the prime minister or [his director-general] Avigdor Lieberman - which the court had determined

did not relate to lawyer-client confidentiality, and therefore Avi-Yitzhak was required to testify about this."

Jerusalem happenings

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel (center) makes a point to Jerusalem Foundation chairman and former mayor Teddy Kollek (left) yesterday, at the dedication of the German section of the Wohl Rose Garden apposite the Knesset. (Bryan McBurney)

Weizman sends message to Assad

and news agencies

President Ezer Weizman yesterday asked visiting French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette to relay an invitation to Syrian President Hafez Assad to return to the negotiating table with Israel.

It is imperative that unconditional talks begin now, otherwise it could be too late, Weizman told de Charette at Beit Hanassi, according to a participant at the meeting. The French minister reportedly heard a similar request from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on

Despite Syrian suspicions of the French, who have traditionally had an influence in Lebanon, de Charette is expected to continue Netanyahu, in the realization that the Lebanese problem cannot he solved without Syrian intervention. The Syrian vice president and foreign minister were in Paris last week for talks on the subject and maintained a hardline posi-

During their hour-long meeting, de Charette listened to Weizman's assessment of the Middle East situation. The French visitor reportedly came out against a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon, saying this would simply bring Hizbullah into the area. Both also expressed fears about the negative influence of Iran and Iraq in

Before leaving last night for Damascus, the French foreign minister also held talks with senior Palestinian officials in Jerusalem.

De Charette did not call at '.ient House, the unofficial Pal stinian headquarters in Jerusalerr. Instead he met Faisal Husseini, the chief Palestinian representative in Jerusalem, at a women's college just oext door.

Under the Oslo Accords, Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority can operate only in the autonomous areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but not in Jerusalem.

European Union foreign ministers have decided they will visit Orient House when they are on official visits to Israel; the Netanyahu government has warned that any foreign minister who does so would not be received by Israeli

De Charette appeared to have avoided a confrontation by making his a "working visit" rather than an

official one, which meant that he was not bound by the EU decision. However, his decision to meet with Husseini and other Palestinian officials at the adjacent women's art college of Al Quds University seems to have caused just as much

Those foreign ministers who wish to meet with Palestinian Authority officials in Jerusalem will not be able to meet with Israeli officials," said David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Netanyahu.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, de Charette crincized the government's recent decision to build a new Jewish neighborhood in the capital's Har Homa section. "I think this decision creates dif-

ficulties and certainly it is an obstacle to the peace process," de

IAF planes raid Hizbullah targets

By DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Iqlim al-Toufah region north of the security zone yesterday, following an attack on a South Lebanese Army post in the Jezzine enclave. The IDF Spokesman said the

pilots reported accurate hits on the targets and that all the planes returned safely to their bases. Reports from south Lebanon said

two warplanes fired at least four missiles at targets in the Iqlim al-Toufah region, which is controlled by Hizbullah and is used by the organization as a base for preparing and launching attacks on the zone.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage as Earlier, Hizbullah gunmen opened fire with light weapons at an SLA outpost in the Jezzine enclave. There were no casualties

in the incident. Also yesterday, Chief of Staff Lt .-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak visited Sec.-Lt. Mordechai Etzion in Haifa's Rambam Hospital where he is recovering from wounds suffered in heavy fighting near the IDF's

Dabash position last Friday. Etzion, the commander of a Merkava tank, was badly wounded during the fighting and the tank's radio operator, Sgt. Lior Shabtai, was killed. The IDF spokesman said yesterday that Etzion's condition had improved and was now described as satisfactory.

CAREFULLY

High Court presses A-G to respond to polygraph row

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The High Court of Justice issued a show-cause order yesterday giving the government and Attorney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein 10 days to respond to issues raised when the court first heard a petition against Rubinstein's refusal to take a polygraph exam.

In February, when Justices Eliezer Goldberg, Eliahu Mazza and Dalia

Dorner heard the Movement for Quality Government in Israel's petition, they gave the government 10 days to decide hetween having Ruhinstein take the test or eliminating the test as a

requirement for all civil servants. Instead, the government appointed a committee, headed by former justice Dov Levin, to report within 21 days to the commission the government has

established to examine the desirability

of using polygraphs in the civil service, the Movement for Quality Government

The movement therefore submitted another petition to the High Court, saying this did not meet the court's requirements and asking for a showcause order obligating the government

In response, the High Court gave the government and Ruhinstein 10 days to

issues: Ruhinstein's membership on the commission examining the use of polygraphs when he has a clear interest in its outcome; wby hasn't the government ordered the General Security Service to stop requiring polygraph exams, since its use of them is selective; and why hasn't the government dropped the test in the civil service since it is not applied uniformly.

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